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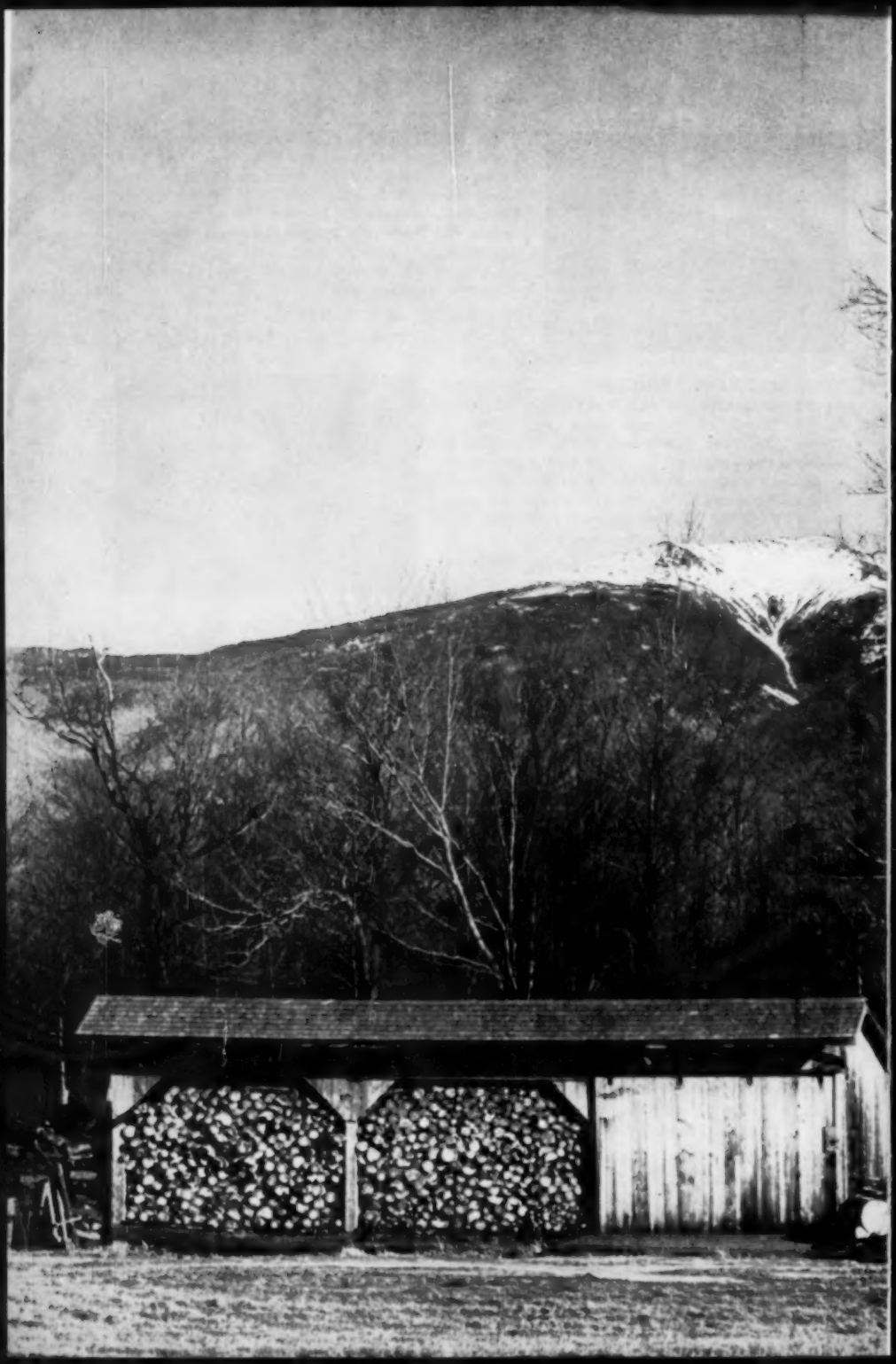

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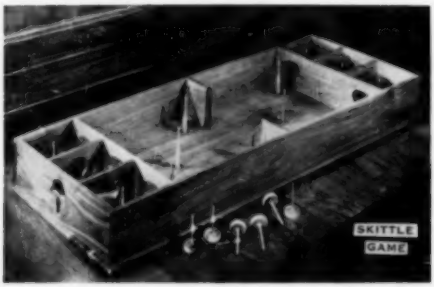

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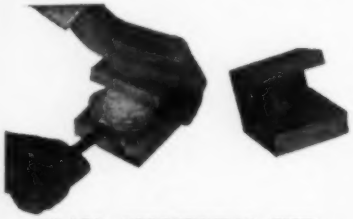

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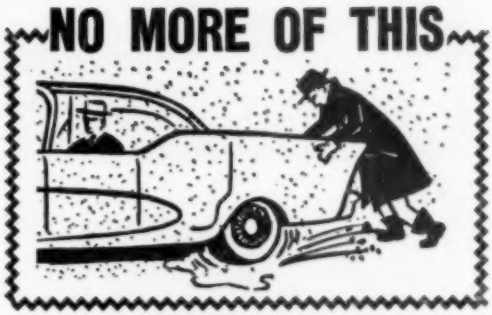

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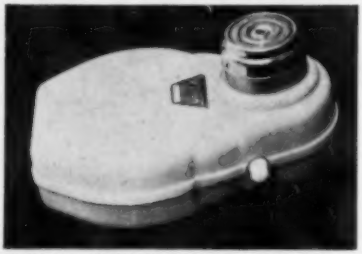

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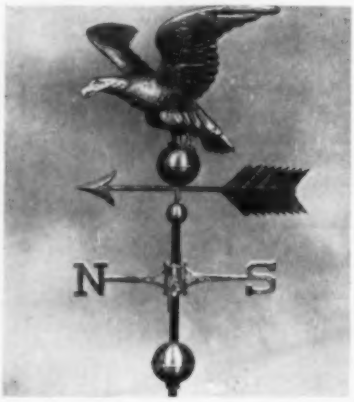

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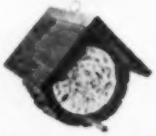

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Cap'n Nick, Narrator Extraordinary, tells how he knows all the people in "Coming to the Point" (left) and is in it to boot.

by LIAM DOUGHERTY

ONE CAPE COD INDIAN SUMMER afternoon, I tucked a copy of YANKEE magazine into my pocket and went over to visit Captain Nickerson Eldredge at Sound View Lodge, a large rambling white building operated by his wife and daughter as an old-fashioned boarding house—one of the last of its kind. When I had climbed the big lawn past the dory full of frost-blackened petunias, I found the captain navigating the same porch rocker in which, all summer, he had been spinning tales and watching made-in-Detroit lemmings nudge each other's bumpers down Route 28 toward Chatham and the sea.

Cap'n Nick was wearing his usual rumpled yachting cap, angled as jauntily as an airline pilot's, and his blue serge suit, size thirty-six, *with vest.* (The captain thinks of our nascent Space Age as one of decadence and, when the spirit often moves him, points back to the advent of the two-piece suit as the first signpost of its decay.) His complexion, smooth and pink as the inside of a shell, belies his age—whatever that is—and if the secret of its maintenance were known generally, Helena Rubinstein might be shucking oysters for a living. His eyes, blue as the new blue Cheer, can be merry or shrewd by turns. The mustache is crisply white, and its stroking between thumb and forefinger adds considerable dramatic emphasis to the point of the story he is telling, or is just about to tell.

For Cap'n Nick is a raconteur, a Cape Cod tale-teller *par excellence,* nickel-plated and flannel-lined. Any of the retired schoolteachers who affect the Lodge's veranda during July and August would testify to that. Because, all summer, leaning their rockers just short of imbalance lest they miss a golden word, they breathe in the air of romance, iodine-enriched with ships and whales, with storms and wrecks on surf-gnawn outer beaches—in short, with the whole antique idyll of Cape life after Indians and before Summer People.

What matter to these vacationing ladies if, in the interests of improving a good story, Cap'n Nick elided generations, mixed eras and combined, refashioned or spontaneously crafted facts? Or, if they had known, what matter if the title "Captain" were honorary and its proprietor had never been more intimate with salt water than to gargle with it? No matter, of course. Had anyone ever questioned an inability to see Nantucket Sound from Sound View Lodge?

In these days when the pizza has supplanted the piazza as the American idea of clean sport, a good veranda with a view of traffic is hard to find. The one

at the Lodge flanks the house on *three* sides and is my favorite. When I had its railing adjusted comfortably under my heels, I said, sighing with the comfort of it all, "Well, Cap'n Nick, what's new?"

"Nothin' worth lyin' about, Billy," he replied. "Seen a nice Model A go by 'bout half-past two."

"I'll bet you've seen more fins go by down there this summer than there are in Nantucket Sound," I said, fishing the copy of YANKEE out of my pocket.

"Ugly as bullheads, the lot of them." Cap'n Nick grunted. "But now I sort of favor them little German autos. Turn one over on its back and it'd hold quite a few posies."

Doubling back the magazine to *The Original Yankee Swopper's Column* and reaching it across to him, I said, "This is what I was telling you about. You can put an advertisement in there for those thirty-three partly-used bottles of suntan lotion your summer folks left behind them. Maybe you'll be able to swap off for an electric pad or some mink rompers with someone who's going to Florida for the winter."

"I got all them lotions shook together into a one-gallon jug now—tidier that way," Cap'n Nick said. "Like you say, won't be long before the beer cans get covered with leaves and stop winking at you from the side of the road. After that, it'll be time to break out the four-legged underwear again."

By then Cap'n Nick had the magazine adjusted correctly below the horizon of his bifocals. "Why, see here!" he said sternly, "I knew the boys in this picture top of the page." He held up William Mount's "Coming To The Point."

Still watching two gulls in the middle distance sliding swiftly down slant avenues of air I said, noncommittally, "Chatham boys, Cap'n?"

"Brewster and Harwich Port." Cap'n Nick was watching me sidewise to see how much the traffic would bear. "That's Amos Snow's barnyard. That's him in the shirtsleeves. Known generally as 'Swap' Snow. The other's Cap'n Gideon Baker."

I stretched to look at the picture again. "What was the horse's name?" I said.

"I forget now," Cap'n Nick apologized. "It was so long ago."

"Oh?" I said.

"You see, that boy sitting on the fence out back there was *me*." Cap'n Nick smiled tenderly to himself in fond memory of a fraudulent childhood. "I was practicing up on my whittlin' and keeping an ear peeled on Mr. Snow's horse-trade. At that time, I had plans for growing up to that calling myself."

"A-ha," I mused. "A picture worth a thousand words—at least."

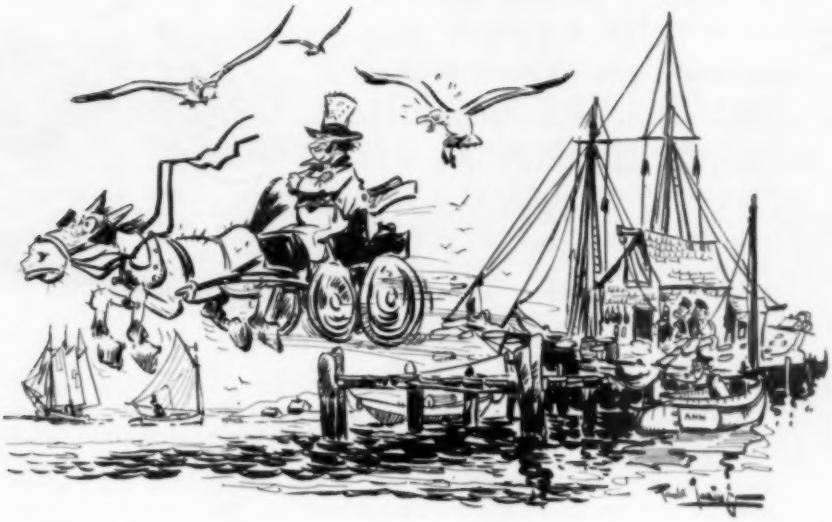
"What's that?" Cap'n Nick asked sharply.

"Old saying," I explained. "Chinese."

"I ain't going to limit myself." Cap'n Nick was brusque. "You want the story, you got to take her as she comes."

"Pleased to do so," I said. "Shoot."

"As I was saying . . ." Cap'n Nick cleared his throat authoritatively, putting his vocal cords in overdrive, "I used to skip over to Amos Snow's every chance I could get. Even at that tender age I was



bright enough to see that swappin' horses beat heaving on a wet line for a living. Why, I *never* see Amos Snow he wasn't wearing a clean shirt and a necktie besides. I was mighty glad to be allowed to make myself useful around the barn—just so's I could be on deck when a trade was going on. Look here, that's my old manure basket and hoe down there in the right-hand corner."

"Sure enough," I said, looking. "That your old jug, too, over on the left?"

"No." Cap'n Nick smiled. "Amos always had a little lubricant standing by while a trade was going on. He would in this case especially because Cap'n Baker was known to look at the world through the bottom of a glass quite frequent when he was ashore."

"Is that why the lady is up in the hayloft keeping an eye on the transaction?" I said.

"What lady's that?" Cap'n Nick held the magazine up to the light for a closer examination. "Oh, sure," he said, "I was wondering where Rhoda was. That's Rhoda Snow—a big woman as could carry sail in a stiff breeze. She was up there just to be sure Amos wasn't going to make a swap for something to boot."

"What might this 'swap to boot' be?" I said not without curiosity.

"One of Amos' ways," Cap'n Nick explained. "Besides the regular horses, he always kept one for swapping with something to boot. So long as he got something to boot, didn't matter *what* sort of horse he'd trade for."

"Sounds like the law of diminishing returns," I observed.

"Well," Cap'n Nick allowed, "he did have to start in at the top again about once in so often. But about Rhoda's being up in that loft. On one swap, all Amos got to boot was a hen. Rhoda set up all night to boil it. Boiled it all the next day. Next night, she made Amos set up to keep it boiling. In the morning, she couldn't even get a fork into the water. From that day forward, Rhoda kept close track of Amos' trades from up there in the crow's nest. She needn't of had to worry otherwise, though. Amos could have sold matches in hell."

"Whose horse is that in the picture now?" I said.

"In this picture, at that particular moment," Cap'n Nick said, "that horse was about to become the property of Cap'n Baker. This one wasn't trade to boot; this was for cash money. And that took extry whittlin'."

"I can see that," I said wisely. Who was I to appear obtuse at a time like this.

"Cap'n Baker's clipper, the Mongoose, was refitting for his next voyage over to the Dennis yards. In the meantime, he was fixin' to mingle with the sports at the racetrack in Harwich Port—that's where Wychmere Harbor is today, you know?"

"I've heard something about that," I said. "At one time, it used to be a freshwater pond with a racetrack around it . . ."

"That was before they was a breakthrough and the Sound came in and made a saltwater harbor out of it," Cap'n Nick said. Before that, there used to be a hotel up above the pond, and the sports would set up there on the piazza, drinking rum and smoking cigars, while they watched their horses running on the track down below."

"And Captain Baker needed a horse to race so he could become one of the sports on the piazza?" I said. "He was a Status Seeker."

"Exactly," Cap'n Nick said. "But it didn't work out that way."

"Why not?" I said.

"His horse—the one Amos Snow sold him—always run last, and if you'd ever seen Cap'n Baker drivin' the Mongoose home, you'd know last place'd never suit him."

"How'd he take it?" I asked.

"Hard," Cap'n Nick said. "Hard. He even went so far as to bring that horse back to Amos Snow."

"Why," I said, "I always understood that if a man got the short end of a horse deal he just kept his mouth shut and bided his time until he could pass it on?"

"That's the way the game was played —by everyone excepting Gideon Baker," Cap'n Nick said.

"Mr. Snow didn't give him any satisfaction?" I asked.

"Why, no," Cap'n Nick said. "I was working about the yard near where they was talking that Saturday morning."

" 'Snow,' Cap'n Baker said to him, 'you told me that little mare was a fast horse.'

" 'At the time I spoke,' says Amos, 'she

was fast—to that post there. The boy had her saddled up so's you could see her action and hear her wind if you'd had a mind.'

" 'By God, Snow, you'd starve before you'd steal, wouldn't you,' Cap'n Baker bellered at him. 'Don't tell me you didn't say she was speedy.'

" 'Not so, again,' said Amos. 'I said you'd be pleased to see her go.'

" 'There's some people on this sandspit too smart for the clothes they wear,' Cap'n Baker said, and he turned on his heel and there *I* was. The back of his hand fetched me one side of the head and I went into the scuppers.

" 'See here, Cap'n Baker,' I spoke up, 'I wasn't doing you any harm.'

" 'If you fly with crows, expect to be shot at, Nickerson,' he says, striding off. Later on, he met me on the street and give me a dollar without saying anything."

"What did he do with the horse?" I said.

"Well, sir," Cap'n Nick said, "that's apt to be the best part of the tale. I suppose, to look at all them bathing beaches there now, you'd never think that Harwich Port was a seafaring town once and had piers reaching out far enough beyond the shoals to accept deep-water vessels?"

"I've heard something about it," I told him.

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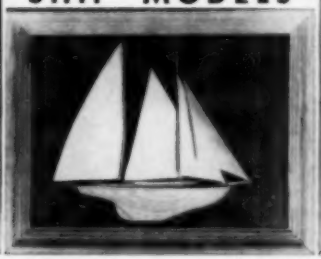

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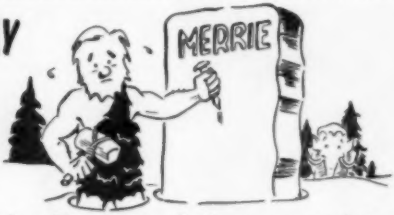

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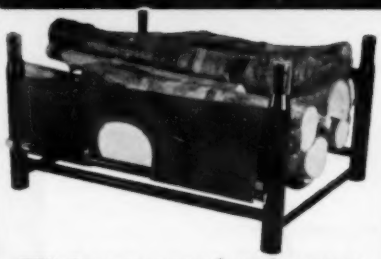

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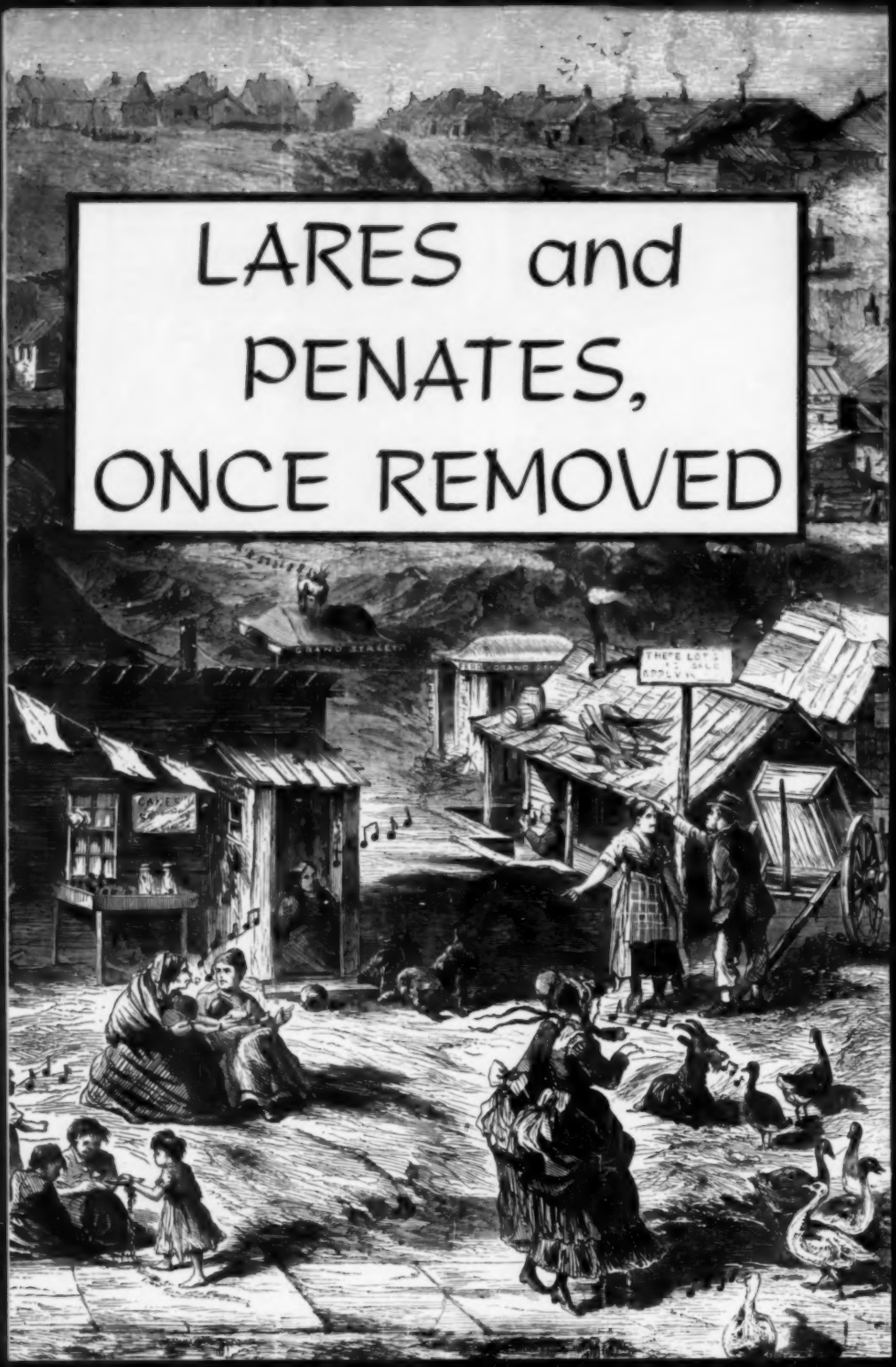

A back-handed laugh comes with every paragraph in this amusing article. It is about us Northerners in the deep South.

by EUGENE HAUN

DURING WORLD WAR II, A GREAT number of people from the North were called upon to spend time in Little Rock, Arkansas, the city in which I had been born some years before and in which I was then still living. Most of them did not want to be in Little Rock, though we greeted them hospitably, as is our custom, and provided what accommodations we could. We believed we were doing fairly well by them; but, when we discovered that they thought us rustic and backward, we humbly accepted these judgments as just, since we had never thought ourselves urbane or forward.

Some of the more thoughtful among us, however, found ourselves confronted by a paradox. At the same time that they deplored our unawareness of the great outside world, some of them were, as they put it "mad" about what they called our "folksongs." Since they were down from the North, we took it for granted that they were mad, all right; but that they should be mad about the most pointed exemplifications of our rusticity and our backwardness seemed to us quite remarkable.

The madness which they claimed, they exhibited; for at a time when gasoline was almost impossible to come by, they would pile into an automobile and go careening into the upcounties, where there were no paved roads, no railroads, no hotels, no indoor plumbing, only one telegraph wire into the county seat, and it strung from the outside world not on poles but along the tops of rail fences. Quite deliberately they would put on what the mountain people knew to be work clothes, and quite deliberately they would avoid shaving, thereby creating an initial atmosphere of distrust, for the people in the country knew that they were city people, anyhow. Furthermore, they knew that city people who were up to any good always shaved and always wore clothes fine enough to be laid out in. Then the intruders would try to get the locals to tell them where there was a singin' woman. The country people would be at first suspicious, then incredulous, then amused to think that anyone would come amongst them, over their implausible roads, in such an outlandish rig, to hear Miz' Quackenbush sing, when it was all *they* could do to get the old woman to shut up. "Well, sir, just stand in front of the courthouse; she'll start up any minute now, and you can hear her clear as a bell, for she's only three miles down the road."

We didn't sing folksongs. We thought they were tacky. They were part and parcel of the backbreaking farm labor, the dirt, and poverty, the violence, the superstition, the fear-ridden religion, and the listless ignorance of the Reconstruction period which we had come to town to escape. They were associated with the late nineteenth century, with that time of bare feet, with houses that had no rugs on the floor, with walls that were covered with newspaper that had been tacked on to keep the cold from coming between the chinks.

We had heard songs, all right. There was hardly anyone in the city who had not been born in the state, and who did not have grandparents and great-grandparents still living in the country, to whose homes we repaired at Christmas and for long visits in the summer; so that we knew both kinds of life, the country life and the city life—and we always returned to the city. We didn't lose our folkways: we abandoned them; we tossed them over; we pulled ourselves up out of them as rapidly and as far as we possibly could, with long sighs of relief and loud cries of joy. We didn't miss them; we didn't feel nostalgic about them; we were delighted to be rid of them, and we wanted no more of them. What fool would claim that a quilt was warmer than

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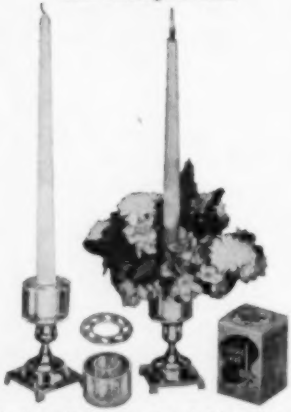

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a woven woolen blanket? What idiot would pine for the two-holer, with the wasps' nest in one corner, and the spider's web in another, and the mud track up to the house? What man in his right mind would not rather hear Dinah Shore than old lady Quackenbush?

So we marvelled that what we despised should be so much in demand. Instinctively, I never let on to these people that I knew any folksongs myself. You couldn't have lived in the house with Gran'ma Miller without knowing folksongs, or without being full of wise saws and hilarious tales. (She was not bloodkin; she was my great-aunt's mother-in-law, but she had no one but us, and we all lived in my mother's father's house together.) I loved the stories, and I had pondered the saws, and I had shivered or cried or sat sleepily through many of the old woman's songs as a child, until I knew them by heart. But she was dead this many a day, and neither my parents nor my grandparents knew more than snatches of the songs or the stories, though the proverbs were frequently on their tongues. I suppose I was the only one who really remembered the songs, and not many of them, and that imperfectly. All I really knew was that Burl Ives didn't sound like anyone I had ever heard in Arkansas, and Richard Dyer-Bennett didn't sound like anyone I had ever heard anywhere. (Some time later, in the East, I heard recordings of John Jacob Niles, which did have in them something of the sound that I had remembered.) I found it particularly disturbing that they sang with accompaniment, because I had never been accustomed to it; there were hardly any lutes in Arkansas.

In spite of all my care, I found that one turn of my phrase or another would make my new acquaintances ecstatic as they recognized the "true folk tinge," as one of them called it, a turn of phrase which made me feel somewhat tainted. But I kept my songs to myself, since to have sung them for these strangers would have seemed to me to have been somewhat like exhibiting the family daguerreotypes.

These new people were honest enough, and they meant well, and I liked them.

There were certain understandable reasons for their interest in these old songs. World War II was in progress. Everyone kept raising the question as to what we were fighting for, and the answer came back from all sides that we were fighting to preserve "our way of life." (The fact that our way of life consisted in allowing a number of different ways of life to exist without interference one from another seems to have been lost sight of since that war.) Our songs must have represented to these amateur collectors aspects of "our way of life" which had a peculiar value to them.

A recurrent reflection which troubled me was that they really didn't know anything about the way of life from which these songs actually had come. Our way of life had only tangential relevance to theirs, and these songs could not possibly be to them what they should be. I knew that some of our own people had been interested in them. Indeed, the town's only great man had talked with us about them and had gone into the upcounties to listen to them; but, even after twenty-five years in the capitals of Europe, a sojourn which included friendship with great figures and high literary honors, he remained one of us; and the songs were his by right; he knew what they really meant. His attitude was not one of mere curiosity when he listened to them; it was, as it must be to any of us to whom they really pertain, one of introspection.

So remote that we did not even have the concept of provinciality, so traditional that we never even used the word, so deeply rooted in the folk that we did not know it was possible to be disassociated save by madness or death, we lived with our old times as casually as we associated with our grandparents. Our history sat at the dining room table or around the gas stove in the living room on winter nights. The old women told us what it was like to live through a civil war at home, and the old men told us what it was like to be shot up on Shiloh Field. The grandmothers could tell us stories of the childhood and youth of their great-grandmothers, who were growing up while Washington was still alive. They them-

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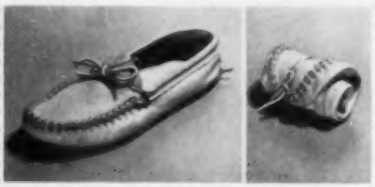

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selves could remember coming from Kentucky and Tennessee into Arkansas and of having heard their own grandmothers tell of coming from Virginia into Tennessee and from Maryland into Kentucky. Before that were England and Ireland and Scotland and France, but we knew nothing of them except that we came from there.

In the event of a dispute in the endless matriarchal discussions of genealogy, the family Bibles would be brought out, enumerating us even unto the ninth and tenth generations. We children had our own present pursuits, and all such talk might make us restive, but we heard it. It was not prideful, and it was not puffed up. It was just there, like the air, and it was regarded no more than air is regarded, except in the absence. You couldn't stop the grandmothers from talking any more than you could stop old lady Quackenbush from singing. They gave forth this talk the way that their dresser drawers and wardrobes gave forth the scent of their sachet, because it was inside. The men made fun of such concerns and professed to ignore them, and the young women did too, until their times came around.

Many of us had thought of these habits of thought as restrictive and oppressive. How astonishing and pathetic then to observe the strivings of persons who yearned for these hobbles and stays! For that's what it was, a yearning—to return to sources from which some of them had not flowed in the first place, to be something which they could not become, to possess something which could only be bequeathed from father to son, and that not wittingly. They were not interested as musicians, or poets, or scholars would be interested. Rather, they were attempting to be what we were able to be without trying; they were trying to get what we simply had. They wanted to identify with the country and the times of the country, which they either had not known or had forgot in their cities. Our songs called into their minds images which, they believed, could tell them about themselves. To these people, our songs were unshadowed by the darkling memories of

elder trouble; they were pure, even in their violence and native stridency. This audience, which had come so lately, believed they could absorb part of the intrinsic qualities of our songs by learning them, and thus grow more American; for apparently, the America which they presently had did not fulfill certain deep emotional requirements; and ours, though they derided it, in some measure did. They might not want our facts, but they certainly wanted our fictions.

Somewhat to my dismay, I encountered one man in the crowd who was interested

in folksongs from all over. He sang folksongs from Australia, from South Africa, from France, from Austria, and other outlandish parts. It would seem that he was willing to find his identity where he could. In justice to him, I must remark that there was involved a mystique of the "common people," which had as its thesis the notion that the common people everywhere are basically alike, an idea the falsity of which can be demonstrated by a little trip around the world, or by a visit to New York City, more cosmopolitan than any (*Continued next page*)

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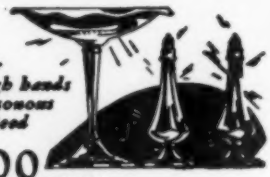

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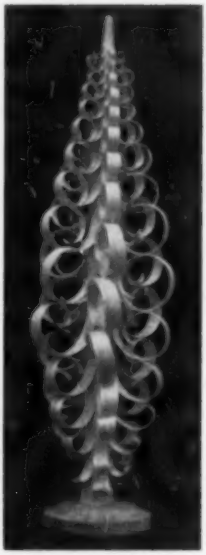
Since I have been in the East, I have encountered so many of these gentry that I refer to them by a generic title as "folkpots." Their ecology is very interesting. They do not have any essential habitat, but they are usually found in places which specialize in the sale of *caffe espresso*. In private homes and in public houses, they sit on anything rather than chairs, usually the floor. Male and female alike wear tight trousers, turtle neck sweaters, and long hair. Almost always they have about their persons some stringed instrument, as if it were an extra appendage. The distinguishing feature between the sexes seems to be the beard. So far, the female folkpot has not been able to raise more than a vestigial beard.

To be frank, I am left feeling somewhat queasy by the sight of these young persons who play the proletarians with such determination, singing the songs of country people. I have not forgot Gran'ma's puzzle-



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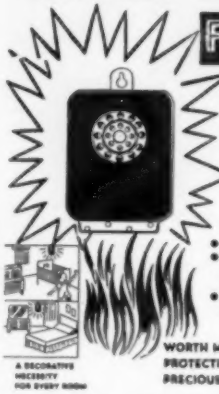

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ment when she was first introduced to the idea of a country club. She mulled over the incongruities for a time, finally concluding with some hilarity, "Well, if them folks had to go live in the country, the way country folks lives in the country, why, right soon, they'd be a-wantin' 'em a town club."

I dare say this rush to recapture the lyric simplicities of the frontier is akin to the passion for collecting American antiques. By any reckoning, the best way to collect antiques is to inherit them. Failing that, I suppose there is nothing really dishonorable about going out and buying them, though possession implies a past which the owner does not have, q.e.d. (You may be sure that people in eighteenth century America wanted new furniture, and they usually took American furniture only when they didn't have enough money to import it from Europe. I think it was the same with music.) However one comes into possession of such pieces, it is well to place them properly and to use them properly.

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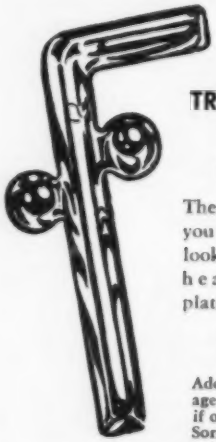

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The only forgivable way of dealing with these songs is to preserve them as meticulously as possible, recognizing that they are now mere artifacts of a culture of which no more than vestiges remain, what with motorcars and radios and the intrusion of everyone upon everyone else. If there ever was a folk period in our history, it was astonishingly brief, only a matter of a couple of hundred odd years during which time the first condition for the efflorescence of a true folk culture was under constant

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It also would be well to remember that even a doctoral collection of several hundred versions of folksongs which were imported to this country or which were first sung here would furnish only a hint of what the basic images in the minds of the singers were, and nothing else is really important. Our songs will tell you about our folks only so much as the headband of Queen Shubad or the bust of Queen Nefertiti will tell you about those antique ladies. ●

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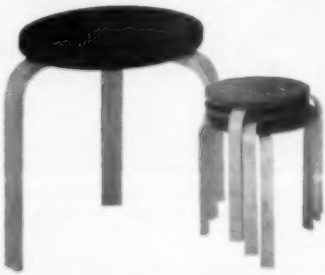

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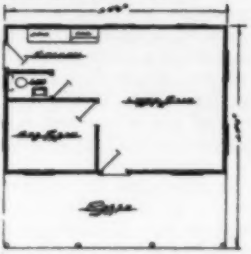

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►*N.H.: Dear Oracle:* In the June 1959 issue of YANKEE, a woman wanted to know why seagulls sit in fresh water lakes in the winter time. Your answer baffles me. If salt water won't "start dirt," as you say, then why are sailors always swabbing decks with it? While you're at it what does the phrase "blow the man down" mean. It's a stirring song but means absolutely nothing to me. A.G.

Answer: The heft of all sailors we ever knew, swabbed the decks because they were ordered to by tough mates and bosuns. It's just one of those things that, in the litany of seafarers have to be done. The only cussed thing it ever accomplished on a whaler's deck was to float the occasional crumb of pipe tobacco out through the scuppers and you may lay to that!

The phrase, "Blow the Man down," simply means to hit a pace that will leave him breathless, "blown," as they say of a horse. Write us again. We admire your hand-writing.

►*Ore.: Dear Oracle:* According to YANKEE you are supposed to have been a whaleman once upon a time. It must have been in one of the modern factory ships since the other kind of whaling ended generations ago. If this is true, tell me, did you actually shoot the whales or did you merely stir the kettle? F.W.

Answer: First of all, you are misguided somewhat. The last sperm whaling voyage was sailed from New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1925—the schooner *John R. Manta,* Captain John Manley. We were an upstanding and vigorious young man at the time and undoubtedly could have pulled an oar with the best of men, but we didn't go. You can figure from this, however, that we could have whaled-it for years in the old-time sailing vessels. Maybe we could add that most men took a turn at "stirring the kettle" even on the old-timers.

►*Miss.: Dear Oracle:* I have been told that a shark can replace his teeth if he loses any of them. Do they have dentists in the ocean, or what? It sounds purely like romancing to me. A.D.

Answer: We mistrust that the shark inspired the ancient warriers in arranging troops so's the casualties could be replaced without confusion or loss of time. 'Tis like this: A shark has several rows of teeth but he only uses part of 'em. If one of his front teeth gets hauled out, another one, aft of it, moves right up and replaces it. And then a new one grows in the back row to keep things even.

No letters answered except through this column. Watch for yours.

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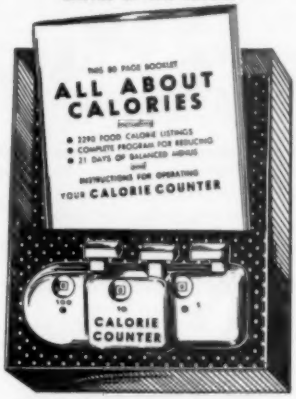

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Poetry

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PAGE FROM A WINTER DIARY
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The change came with the wind. It was a squall
carrying snow—shredded and thinned to gauze;
fistfuls hurled at random;
salting brick, powdering stoop and sill;
samples of snow, so dry, so finely sifted,
melting was not in its nature, it could be used
next year.

The wind came in a circle; ten minutes of tempest
jumping from point to point in the valley like heat lightening.
Only the tell-tale trail of snow
convinced us it was real.

But the change was vast: ourselves made visible,
blown free by chance or wind.
The dark glass of our hidden anger cleared,
each saw the other plainly, face to face.
And in our veins we felt the blood moving . . .
flowing . . . like young blood.

THE WOODCHUCK
by MARY ELIZABETH OSBORN

Willingly he goes to that small death,
his hibernation; safe now, covered by winter,
he will blessedly sleep, almost without breath,
inanimate, like soil or rock at the cold year's center.

Let human creatures envy him: they know
only the briefer respites, as slumber numbs
the edges of their day; with closed eyes, pulses slow,
they grope for pre-human, half-remembered dreams.

November Vigil

by Eve Triem

I hear the jays before I see
Their jewel colors on the tree,
Their spread feathers in the garden.
And devotion tolls in me:
Count the years, they come to seven.

As if a day of summer sky
Were beaming through November boughs!
As if three skies beamed on my house
And changed each brick into a rose!
Count the years, they come to seven.

A horn of greater shining tells,
As I praise great death with prayers,
"Whom you have washed with grieving tears,
He is high among high stars
All of these years—they come to seven."

Gaily, as in a summer grove,
Three jays glide, a single wave;
And hallowed is my garden.
Heart at watch in sorrowless love,
I count the years, they come to seven.

A Place in Cortland County

by John V. Crowley

The Cheningo-Taylor Road
winds like a baited snake,
Digging into the damaged earth.
Past the stone, high staggered fence,
And deep the freezing creek
Digs ravine and cliff, stapled thick with scrub.

In a length twelve farms lie dead
The columned boxes
Obscenely bare their boards.

A century hooked the rise and fall,
Tore the land, tore the trees,
Violent when they conquered.

Now senile, almost serene,
Not split by progress
Nor fractured by purpose,
The unnamed valley
Feigns repose in the falling sun,
Bright on the oaks near Solon Pond.

Sequence

by Olive Thurman Wong

What is sequence to the child?
One, two, three running wild,
Rolling over out of mind.
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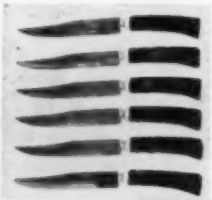

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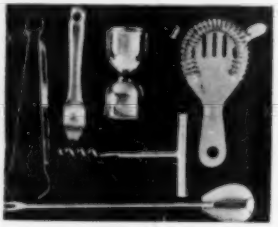

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Songs of Old Boston

by HORACE REYNOLDS

WHEN ISAIAH THOMAS, REPRINTing Newbery, the London printer's collection of nursery rhymes, around 1785, changed *London* to *Boston* to achieve:

See saw, scaradown,
Which is the Way to *Boston* Town?
One Foot up the other Foot down,
That is the Way to *Boston* Town.

When he did that, out of love for the city in which he had been born and learned his trade, he made one of the most charming songs about Boston. Not the earliest, not by a jugful, because men were singing of Boston as early as the middle of the 17th century, in spite of the fact that today we don't think of Boston as a particularly singing city. And Boston publishers Munroe and Francis went a step further when, around 1824, they added to the four lines above, apropos of the charter Boston received in 1822:

Boston Town's changed into a city,
But I've no time to change my ditty.

Similar substitutions brought about the transformation of the British ballad of "Botany Bay" into the American "Boston Burglar," which likewise changes *London* to *Boston,* and, in addition, *Botany Bay* to *Charlestown.* This song, widely sung from Nova Scotia to Wyoming, has been heard and relished by many. It begins:

I was born in the town of Boston,
A town you all know well,
Brought up by honest parents—
The truth to you I will tell—
Raised up by honest parents,
Raised up most tenderly,
Until I became a sporting man
At the age of twenty-three.

Such changes bear out my theory that many early printers and editors of Mother Goose added a little something of their own fancy and recollection to the songs of Mother Goose. Surely Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater, he who had a wife and couldn't keep her, whose rhyme Munroe and Francis added to their "Mother Goose's Quarto" must also have been a Boston character, for he is not in Newbery or in Thomas' reprints of Newbery, and *pumpkins* and *pumpkin-heads* are

18th century slang terms for New Englanders.

A song in a different mood is the one which begins:

Sing a song of the city,
Roll that cotton bale.

This ditty, often sung as part of "I've Been Working on the Railroad," moves you from the nursery to the levees and docks. It goes on to sing what some American cities are famous for:

Norfolk for its oyster shells,
Boston for its beans,
Charleston for its rice and corn,
But for niggers—New Orleans.

So were the delights of life once parcelled out among our American seaports around the turn of the last century. In variants of this rhyme, Mobile and Baltimore sometimes replace Norfolk as a place celebrated for oysters, as New York and its pretty girls sometimes ousts Charleston from its place in the third line, but Boston is always in there as the home of the bean: what alliteration has joined no one wants to put asunder. It is noteworthy that these are all seaports, and hence one assumes this is a stevadore's song. It is also interesting to see, as we shall, how what seems to be so Negro and American in flavor is in origin so definitely English in pattern.

When the Negro, or whoever it was, made that song he was following a popular formula for local rhymes which shows in such rhymes as the English:

Cheshire for men,
Berkshire for dogs,
Bedfordshire for naked flesh,
And Lincolnshire for bogs.

And

Oxford for learning,
London for wit,
Hull for women,
And York for a tit.

Incidentally *tit* in line four is, I think, a horse. It could be a young girl but a horse here is more likely.

Some Yankee forms of this rhyme are interesting. Out in western Massachusetts they sing

Amherst for beauty,
Hadley for pride,
But if it hadn't been for huckleberries,
Shutesbury would have died.

This accents the satiric side of these local rhymes. It's the old New York-Brooklyn, Philadelphia-Camden opposition, in which the unfavored city becomes the butt of the favored. Amherst and Hadley are making fun of poor old rocky Shutesbury, an ugly duckling, which, incidentally, we kind (*Continued on page 68*)

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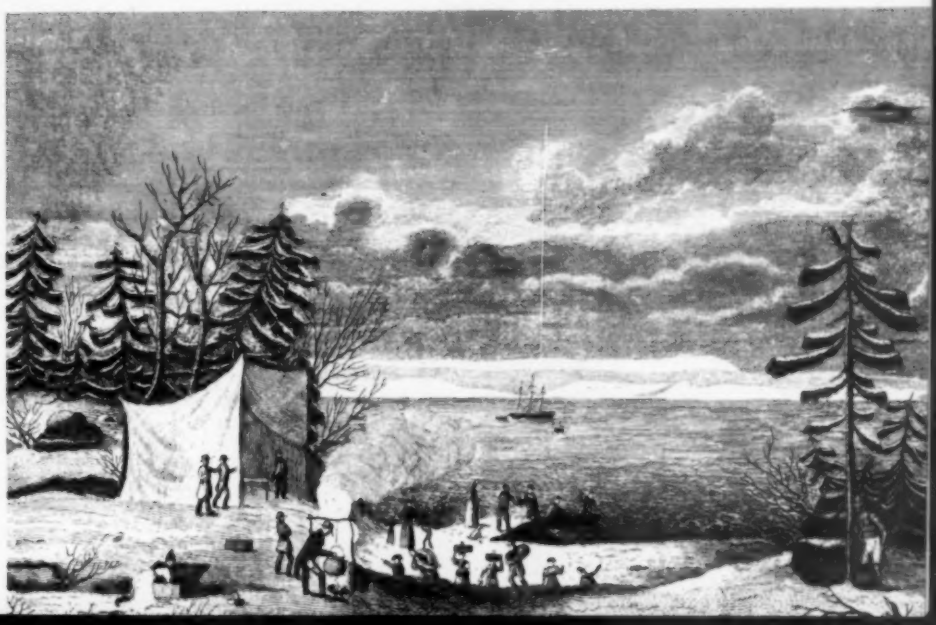
PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

Research by Ora Dodd

Plymouth, Massachusetts, combines today the gaiety of a tourist resort with the austere reverence of the custodianship of America's richest historical lore. The "Rock," as it is affectionately known, is about six and one half feet in diameter, dark gray, of hard sienitic granite. Mary Chilton was the first to step upon it December 23rd, 1620. In 1775 it was moved to the protection of a handsome pillared canope. Below, an 18th century print shows how the landspot (Cole's Hill) appeared in 1620.

Left: Pretty crafts student at work in the Harlow-Old Fort House, craft center.



The Pilgrims seemingly are always on the march. The early Dutch painting above shows them leaving Delfthaven, Holland. Every Friday afternoon in August this marching continues—with present day Plymouth residents parading to the old burying ground. Left: the Mayflower II, gift of John Bull, now moored at Plimouth Plantation, a reconstruction of the original Pilgrim Village. This restoration was made possible by

a generous grant from Mrs. Henry Hornblower in 1947. A completed street of the village is shown above. The actual site of the original village is now in downtown Plymouth and is called Leyden Street (right). The village, as well as many of Plymouth's "things to see" will be open Thanksgiving weekend. Note the huge elms on Leyden St. which go back to the Pilgrim days. Plimouth Plantation was built a few miles south.

Above: Old Sparrow House, present home of Katherine Alden, and the Plymouth Potters. Left: Miles Standish (from the West) how to eat cranberries with his fingers. Below: Harlow-Old Fort House and owner.

Plymouth is by no means just monuments—and history. It lives a normal life like most New England towns of its size. There are comfortable hotels and motels, excellent shops, a fine hospital, many beautiful modern residences and homes. There is swimming, sailing, motorboating, golf—almost everything one wants in the way of sports. In nearby environs are acres and acres of cranberry bogs (sometimes profitable and sometimes not), as well as hundreds of fresh water ponds, large and small, around which cluster camps, homes, and large private estates. Jealous of their privacy, these lakeshore owners eye with concern a growing network of roads and tourist facilities.

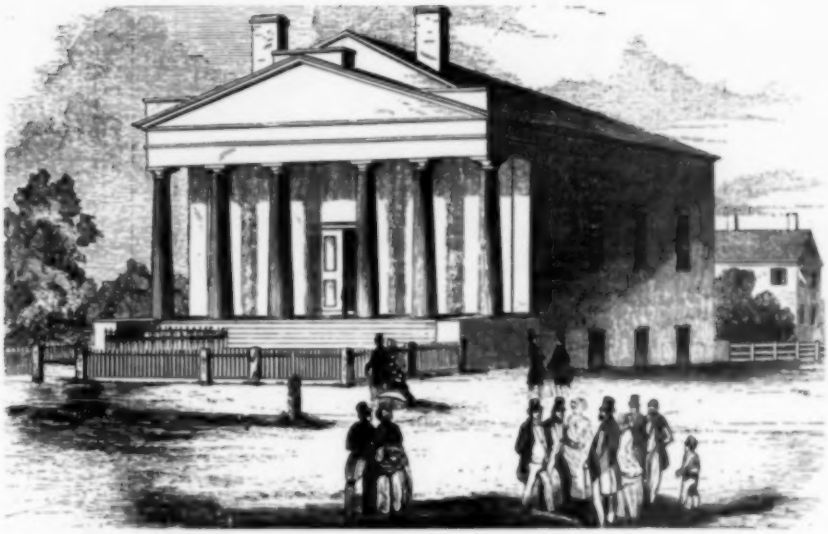
But, like it or not, Plymouth will never entirely escape its world-renowned Pilgrim heritage. Nowhere else, for example, will one see the actual clothes and belongings of the Pilgrims. You will find these in Pilgrim Hall (next page), where they have been collected over the years by the Pilgrim Society. There are hundreds of rare and interesting items, from the first Patent of Ply-

mouth Colony, dated June 1, 1621, to Pilgrim hymn-books, as well as Myles Standish's Damascus sword, platter, and iron pot. Among the most appealing is the wicker cradle in which Peregrine White was rocked to sleep. (Peregrine, as everyone knows, was born aboard the Mayflower while it was at Provincetown—a lucky baby, for he survived, and lived to be eighty-four, "vigorous and comely to the last.") Pilgrim Hall will be open all of November—and for free, on Thanksgiving Day.

These are the last tangible relics of the Mayflower Pilgrims. Even among the old graves on Burial Hill, see top of previous page, few of the stones mark the firstcomers. Many Mayflower men moved on, to found new towns, almost as soon as Plymouth was well established. Others went to spend their last days with their sons, who had moved into new settlements. This pioneering must have been in Mayflower blood, for new generations moved on, too, across the country. There are Mayflower descendants now in every state.

But none are more interested and sympathetic with the hard Pilgrim core at Plymouth than the New England Society of New York. It was this society which erected "The Pilgrim" by J. Q. A. Ward (lower left this page) in bronze in New York City's Central Park in 1885.

Top left, (this page) the superb Pilgrim Monument, designed by Hammett Billings, was commenced in 1859. It stands in solid granite some eighty-one feet high in a six-acre park. There are subsidiary statues at



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A celebrated Town Brook runs across the town into the harbor. On its way to the sea it passes through Brewster Gardens, where stands the Pilgrim Maiden (right), sculptured by H. H. Kitson.

The famous lindens on North Street, which were planted about 1765, came from trees imported from England in 1740 by Col. George Watson. Their old age—and hurricane damage—has made topping necessary, yet from the cut-off trunks grow a profusion of green branches. At the end of North Street, there are two immense, ancient and beautiful trees, an elm and a linden. These bespeak in their inspiring way the story of Plymouth—where the seeds of American life struggled to grow, slowly at first, and through difficult years—to this great country of today.

The Shenandoah, *above, was considered by English Captains to be the fastest ship ever to sail under our flag. The frame was molded at Bishop's Crossing, Quebec, by a Down Easter, Charles Short of St. Stephens, New Brunswick. The shipentine, itself, was built in Bath, Maine.*

WHAT DOES "DOWN EAST" REALLY MEAN?

by VINCENT SHORT

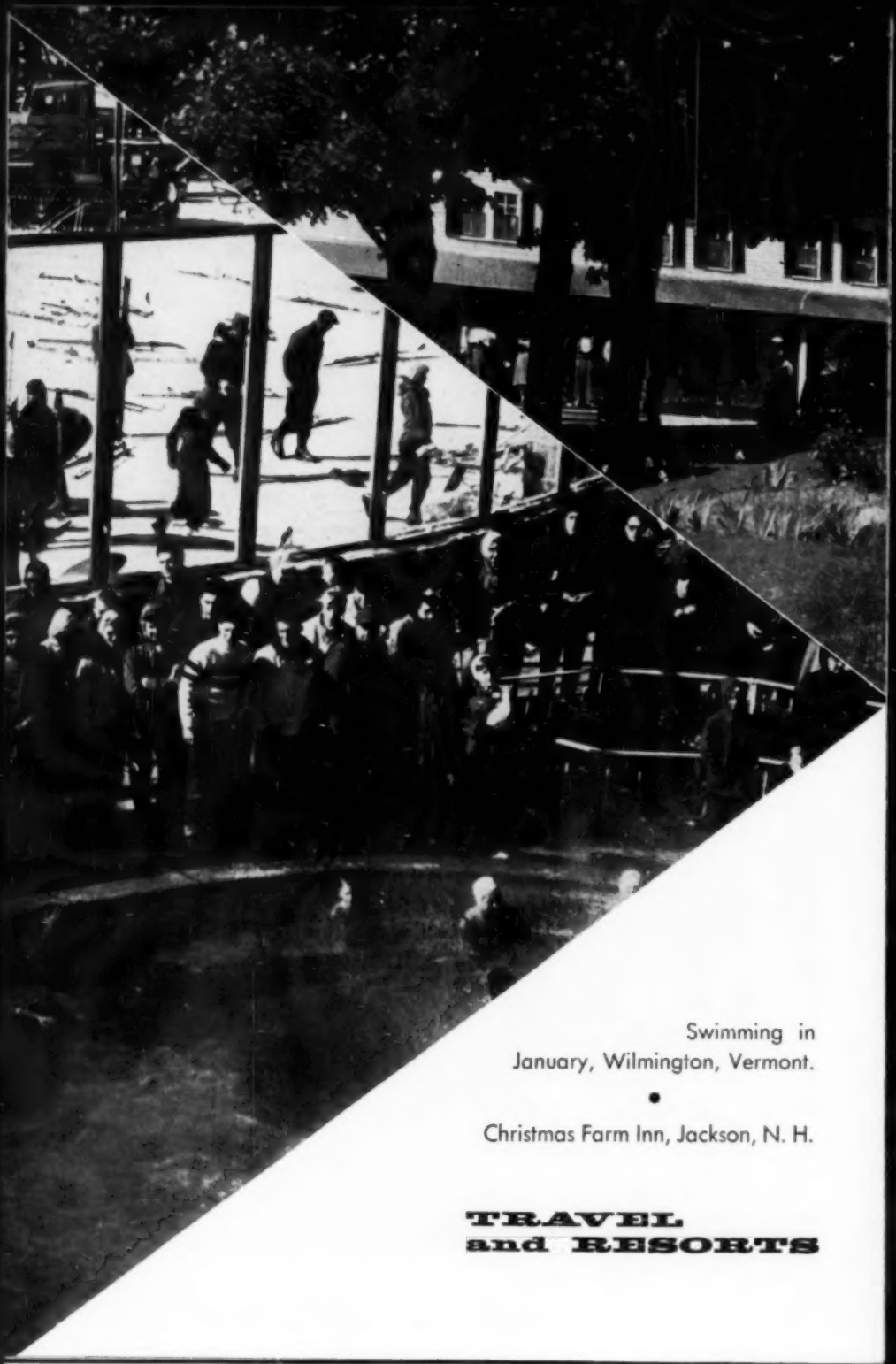
A DOWN EASTER IS A PERSON AND was also a particular kind of ship. The fastest sailing Down Easter was constructed at Bath, Maine; the sailing ships have passed out of existence but Down Easters still are people.

Where does the DOWN EAST region begin? There are many different ideas and thoughts about where the DOWN EAST region begins: many years ago I was told that this well worn phrase originated with the sea captains out on the west coast. Many sea captains from Maine and New Brunswick, especially from Searsport, Maine, sailed their vessels around Cape Horn to San Francisco, China and the Alaska salmon fisheries. On the return voyage the vessels sailed *down the west coast* of South America and after rounding the Horn were sailing toward the East; so it is logical, therefore, to conclude that the phrase originated with the sea captains from Maine who were navigating their ships Down Home in an easterly direction. The phrase Down Home was a familiar expression all along the coastline by seamen hailing from the seaports of Maine and the provinces of the New Dominion, especially Nova Scotia.

The ships built in Maine, mostly square riggers, were called DOWN EASTERS particularly along the Pacific coast by shipowners and merchants, meaning that these vessels were as smart and faster than the clipper ships, of superior construction, excellent cargo capacity and the most durable of all the wooden sailing vessels ever constructed, except those built of teakwood in foreign countries. Some of these DOWN EAST ships were in service for more than fifty years, and the fastest sailing ship ever to sail under the Stars and Stripes was the shipentine SHENANDOAH which was built at Bath, Maine.

Where DOWN EAST begins in Maine has always been much disputed; some say at Portland, others say Owl's Head, still others say Camden. However, many sea captains of the old days, also captains of the big steamers, felt that real Maine started at Penobscot Bay, so perhaps DOWN EAST begins at Cape Horn and WAY DOWN EAST starts at Penobscot Bay.

DOWN EASTERS, the people, always speak their minds directly with a most refreshing candor about everything under the light of the sun, many of them came from families of lumbermen, farmers, fishermen, shipbuilders and sea captains; if you should ask the average DOWN EASTER to express an opinion he will tell you what is in his mind no matter who or what it hits, the devil take the hindmost.



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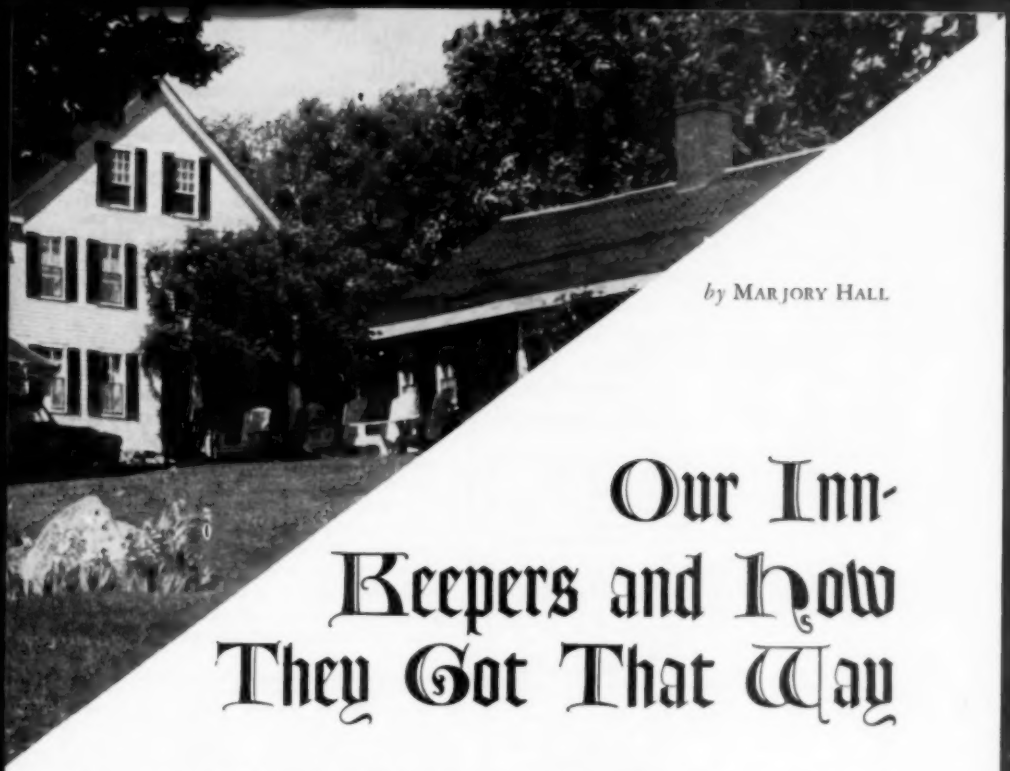

by MARJORY HALL

Our Inn-Keepers and How They Got That Way

MOST OF US DEVELOP LARGE BUMPS of curiosity about people when we travel, and it's more than usual for the thoughtful traveller to wonder about the fine and diligent folk who manage the places where comfort, luxury and pampering are served up in such admirable mixtures.

The essential ingredients, skillfully blended, inevitably produce the successful formula that elicits the finest compliment of all guests who return for more of the same.

Who are the innkeepers and how did they get that way? Well, here are two brief biographies, one from Dick Welch, who with his wife Doris runs the Christmas Farm Inn in Jackson, New Hampshire, and one from J. Dean Hammond, whose bailiwick is the Ragamont Inn in Salisbury, Connecticut. Does a successful innkeeper start out with the idea of being just that? Not Mr. Hammond. He spent most of his life in the railroad equipment business, which isn't even close, but he did have a yen—"I had always wanted to own a country inn and for several years had been quietly looking around for an attractive and successful place," he says. Ragamont (it's a name coined from nearby Mt. Riga, which has long been called Raggy) was formerly owned by two maiden ladies who opened it as an Inn in 1933, after it had been closed for many years. They had operated the Old Drovers Inn at Dover Plains, New York, for several years prior to that. The "Ragamont Girls," as they had become affectionately called, made a great success of Ragamont over the course of the twenty-three years they ran the place, and when they decided to retire they wanted it to be carried on by somebody who would continue to maintain their high standards and traditions.

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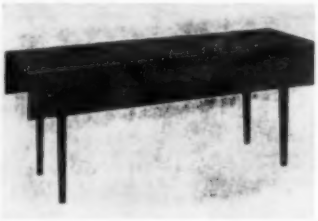

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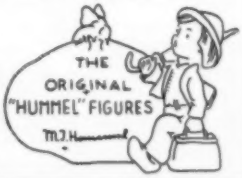

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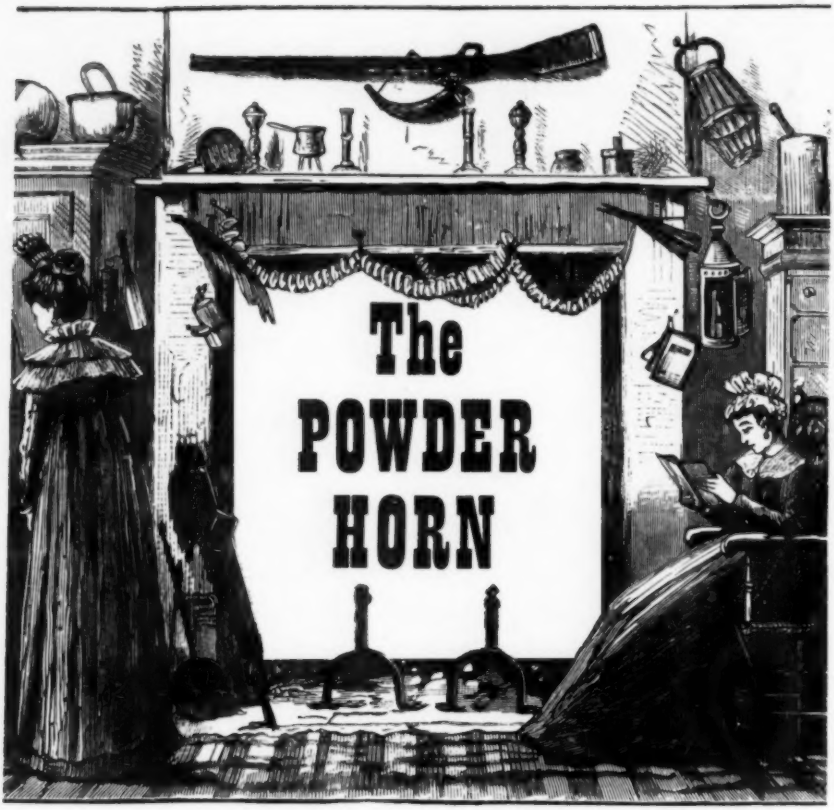

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by SLOAN WILSON
The Author of The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit

FROM THE TIME I CAN REMEMBER A large beautifully made powder horn rested on the mantlepiece in my family's summer cottage at the northern end of Lake George. According to my mother, it had belonged to Robert Rogers, the ranger who had fought the Indians up and down the slopes of the surrounding mountains. There was only one reason to doubt the authenticity of this ownership: carefully etched into the horn was the name "Robert Rodgers," unmistakably spelled with a *d*.

At the age of twelve I was not bothered by this. Mother, I saw, locked the powder horn up whenever we left the house for a weekend, even though she left her grandmother's silver tea service unprotected. The powder horn obviously was so valuable an object that I shivered when I touched it. "Don't drop it!" Mother often said when I examined it. "It doesn't really belong to us."

Of course it didn't, I was quite aware.

The powder horn belonged to the Rogers Rock Club, of which my father was president, and since the Club had no safe place to keep it, the directors had asked him to be custodian. The antique or curio or fake, or whatever it was, had come with furnishings and property the club had bought from a man who enjoyed collecting Americana. Almost everywhere one looked in some of the cottages were arrowheads, flintlock muskets and rusty swords.

I don't think I ever really wanted to own the powder horn myself, for I knew I wasn't a worthy successor to Robert Rogers, and I didn't see how anyone of my century could consider himself so. Only a few hundred yards from our cottage Rogers Slide rose from the lake, a mountain six hundred feet high with the steep side a smooth plane of naked rock. According to legend, Robert Rogers had, when pursued to the brink by Indians, slid all six hundred feet down to the lake, and escaped. For idiots who thought no man could survive this almost vertical plunge, there was another story, according to which he had simply thrown his pack over, fooling the Indians into thinking he had lept to his death.

"What did he do after throwing his pack over?" I asked my mother suspiciously. "Why didn't the Indians see him?"

"He hid behind a bush," my mother said.

"Didn't the Indians see his tracks?"

"It was winter. He reversed his snowshoes, retreated in his tracks, and finally jumped behind the bush. The Indians raced right past him, and shouted when they saw the pack falling."

I said nothing, but at the age of twelve I didn't believe it. It was clear to me that Robert Rogers had actually jumped himself, and several scratches on the powder horn on our mantlepiece seemed to prove it.

In September of my twelfth year I conceived the idea of going on a chipmunk hunt with the powder horn at my belt. The enormous guilt of venturing out to the woods with such a valuable object removed all fun from the affair, and I returned the powder horn to the mantlepiece after no more than ten minutes. For many years after that I didn't touch it.

Time passed. When I was a college student I examined the powder horn critically, noticed the odd spelling of the name, and smiled. Probably it had belonged to some simple farmer, I thought, and felt especially mature for not telling my mother of my deduction. Why ruin the illusions of one's parents?

More years passed. Finally, a few months ago, the directors of the Club decided to gather money for necessary improvements by selling some of the unwanted curios that had been lying about so long. "Your father always said that Robert Rogers' powder horn was worth at least $500," Mother said.

"Wait," I said gently. "Have you seen the spelling of the name?"

"People were much more lenient about spelling *(Continued next page)*

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The Powder Horn—*continued*

names in those days," Mother said. "Your father was never wrong on things like this."

I thought of buying the horn myself, but $500 seemed a lot to pay, and somehow the old curio bothered me. What did it represent? Everything falsely loved and falsely valued, I guess—I could still almost see my mother burying it in the linen closet and locking the bedroom door when she left the cottage. It made me uneasy to hear my mother explaining the legend of Robert Rogers and the ownership of the horn to my children, for I had long been one of those who prides himself on telling children the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth whenever possible. My son at the age of nine held the horn with a transparent reverence that almost hurt. He took out the stopper and sniffed its dim, dusty interior, his eyes dark with the thought of the violence which had once been stored there, enough explosive to wipe out a whole tribe of Indians perhaps. "Did it really belong to Robert Rogers?" he asked.

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My son looked at me with disappointment. "I think it was Robert Rogers," he said.

"Anyway, I don't like powder horns," I said to my wife later. "Along with coach lanterns by the front door, wagon wheels painted white, and muskets over the mantlepiece, I'm glad to let them alone."

Another month went by. "The funniest thing happened," my mother wrote. "A dealer who looked over some of the stuff here said the powder horn is a fake or a mistake. He doesn't seem to realize that in Rogers' time it was even more common to vary the spelling of a family name than it is now. How many people do you know who have changed their names or simplified the spelling?"

"You're probably quite right," I wrote. "Let's keep the horn. It's too beautiful to sell."

"I've sent it to another dealer," she replied. "To tell the truth, I'm sick of having to lock the darn thing up every time I leave the house. I've never liked having valuable things around, and the place for an historic object like that is in a museum. I've sent it to another dealer, a real expert this time, to have it authenticated."

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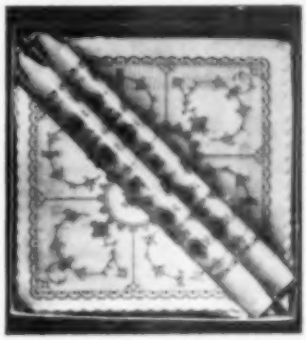

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The Powder Horn—*continued*

"Don't be disappointed," I wrote, and tried to express a mature thought about the importance of legend and myth.

In the end my mother was completely casual about the powder horn. "A man in New York bought it," she said.

"He did?" I asked in astonishment.

"Yes. He's lent it to the museum at Fort Ticonderoga."

"Well," I said, "I suppose it is of interest, no matter who it belonged to."

"Of interest, but not of much value," she said. "I'm glad it worked out. Your father was quite right. We got quite a lot more than $500."

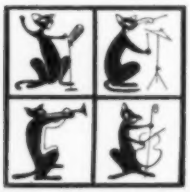
"You *did?*"

"Of course, Rogers did have a *d* in his name. He dropped it in middle life. The fact that the name on the horn was spelled with a *d* helped authenticate it, for a faker would have been sure to spell the name as it is spelled in the history books now."

"Oh," I said.

"Would you like a cup of tea?" my mother asked.

"Delighted!" I said. •



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Songs of Old Boston

(continued from page 43)

of like, as Walt Whitman evidently preferred Brooklyn and Camden to New York and Philadelphia. At least he chose to live in the ugly ducklings.

You also find this satiric local rhyme pattern in the Pine Tree State. In Belfast they sing:

Camden for beauty,
Belfast for pride,
If it hadn't been for clams
Northport would 'a' died.

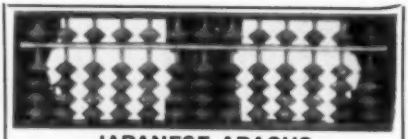
Northport, a kind of shirt-tail cousin of Camden and Belfast, which lies halfway between these two proud towns, sings it thisaway:

Camden for beauty,
Northport for pride,
If it hadn't been for clams
Belfast would 'a' died.

All three of these *pride* rhymes have an obvious ancestor in the English rhyme:

Preston for panmugs,
Huyton for pride
Childwall for toiling,
And playing besides.

Panmugs, by the way, are large vessels of coarse red and black crockery, used for bread, milk, and so forth. Take the satire



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out of these rhymes, put praise in its place, add a tune, and you have the American levee song.

Another local rhyme points to the rocks of Newburyport, the sand of Salem, the beauty of Charlestown and finds them lesser things than the general over-all good of Boston:

Newburyport's a rocky place,
And Salem's very sandy;
Charlestown is a pretty town,
But Boston is a dandy.

This rhyme may well have been old when Sam Slick sang it to Judge Haliburton in 1840. It was made, I think, when the four seaport towns were closer, one to the other, in population and importance, than they are today. Surely it was sung to the tune of "Yankee Doodle." What a tyranny the rhythm of that rhyme has wielded over American song and rhyme. Boston comes into it too in the earliest known separate edition of the piece, a broadside printed in England in the 1780's:

Sheep's Head and Vinegar,
Butter Milk and Tansy,
Boston is a Yankee town,
Sing Hey Doodle Dandy.

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THREE HOURS BEFORE the MAST

The mysterious call of the sea had to be answered — but the fare to Nantasket was 55c more than he was able to pay.

by JOSEPH ALGER

AT ROWE'S WHARF THE SIDEWHEELing excursion boat, *Abigail Brown,* creaking at her stern lines, bobbed with all the pride her scant ten tons could summon. In fifteen minutes she would be outward bound for the sandy strand of Nantasket, far, far from the seething hullabaloo of Boston's maritime Atlantic Avenue.

Already her two decks were cluttered with parents, children, picnic baskets, beach gear and just clutter. As I stood unobtrusively by I saw many a tearful farewell exchanged by those who stood at the rail and those unfortunates on the dock who could not make the trip. Did I, too, shed a secret tear for them? I did not. I burned with envy of those who were able to pay their dollar (round trip) while impoverished me had to stand helpless and hopeless with only forty-five cents in my pocket, most of that sum having been promised or, at least, heavily solicited.

It was not a pretty picture. There was I just itching to go to sea, my youthful mind stuffed with sea lore from Treasure Island to Moby Dick, my heart set on approximating Charles Dana's fabled ordeal before the mast or even aping the adventure of artist Waldo Pierce who is said to have abandoned his intended cattle boat trip as it approached Boston Light and swum back to shore. But somehow I seemed destined never to achieve my fondest desire—my passion to join the crew of a ship.

I learned nothing at all by paddling a canoe on the Town River in West Bridgewater, and my home town of Brockton, which was only sixteen miles from the Atlantic (as the crow would fly, if it didn't hate oceans), might just as well have been in mid Sahara as far as mastering seamanship is concerned. I sorely needed training such as the *Abigail Brown* could give me. But, ah, the nights I spent plotting, desperate, willing to do anything to make that trip. Now that this episode lies honorably behind me I will

make a humiliating confession. It shows to what extremes the relentless lure of the sea can drive us.

I considered stowing myself away!

Yes, I mean it! Sneaking shamefacedly from my home morning after morning I thumbed rides to Boston with difficulty. Back in those days cars were scarce and any gesture of my thumb might be considered shockingly impolite. I haunted the Boston Public Library spending hours looking for every available word on the subject. I appealed to the learned woman at the information desk in the great hall of drawers.

"Stowing away?" she repeated in that professional tone which implies that all questions can be foolish and most of them are. She indicated a lone drawer among the myriad. I burrowed through the reference cards like a termite. But the nearest thing to my stow was Harriet Beecher. In a week I had discovered that there was almost no literature on stowing away and and that the few fragments that there were turned out to be as unreliable as overstretched suspenders.

I gave up stowing then and there. But it wasn't lack of data nor a rehabilitation of my moral fiber which prevented me from taking the felonious step. It was simply that the *Abigail Brown* wasn't practical for stowaways, with her limited superstructure, her tiny taffrails port and starboard and her midget companionways, fore and aft.

So it wasn't with the crime of meditated stowing in my heart that I stood on the wharf longingly inspecting the ship. An honorable, yet even more daring scheme tugged at my sea-hungry soul. As I stood there faltering, I pinched myself sharply in the rear. It was just the impetus I needed. I found myself accosting the steward who guarded the gang plank.

"I'd like to speak with the Captain, sir," I said.

"You picked a fine time," was the surly reply, "and him about to shove off in a few minutes."

"But . . . it's important," I insisted, surprised at my own brass. The steward seemed disgusted but finally bawled to the second mate, "Hey, Delozzi, this guy wants to talk with Captain Pulsifier." Delozzi, who was busy overhauling a lee scupper with a sort of improvised binnacle, seemed bored with the whole thing, but he looked at me and pointed toward the bow. With thumping heart I boarded the *Abigail Brown,* and tripping over several hawsers and a quadrant, climbed up two steps to the hurricane deck. At a door on the wheel house marked CAPTAIN —NO ADMITTANCE I knocked.

"Well," said a gruff seafaring voice from within. I entered and was disappointed to find only a pudgy little man wearing a cap inscribed, MATE.

"I'm looking for Captain Pulsifer," I said.

"You've found him," said the pudgy man.

"But, your cap?" I questioned.

"Listen," he said. "I haven't got time to try and (*Continued on page 116*)

Today only the massive stone walls (above) which intricately pattern the property hint of the size and scope of Wilder's great project.

(Right) This is a segment of The Cheshire Place *as it looked in 1893. A great part of this vast network of buildings has since been torn down.*

by W. E. ALCOTT

IDEAED *by* FRANCES MULCAHY

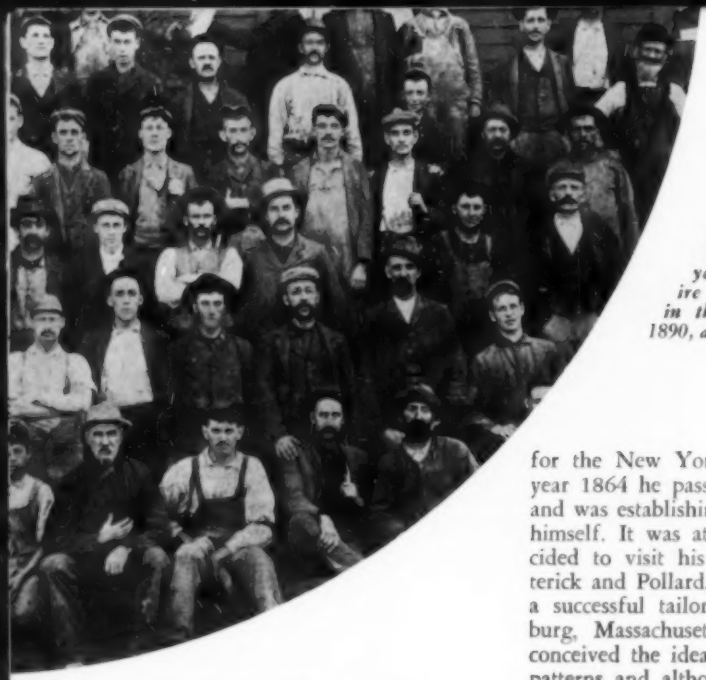
WILDER'S "FOLLY"

FOR ABOUT FIFTY YEARS (1880-1930) the Monadnock region of New Hampshire was the scene of one of the largest farmstead developments ever witnessed in New England. Jones Warren Wilder's *The Cheshire Place* in East Rindge and New Ipswich was not only the "conversation piece" of the countryside, but many people traveled miles to view and marvel at the elaborate enterprise. Unlike the great estates constructed in that era The Cheshire Place was originally conceived as a self-sustaining business venture complete with factories, shops, tenant houses and various buildings and barns, some of which were of outstanding dimensions. A description of the vast estate and buildings solely would not provide a complete picture for the reader without a review of the dynamic personality responsible for its creation.

Jones Warren Wilder was born on a small farm in Sterling, Massachusetts, March 4, 1832. In his early years, Jones made friends with two other boys, Ebeneezer Butterick and Abner Pollard. Little did they realize that this boyish friendship would, in later years, be the basis of a partnership in a multi-million dollar company.

As the years passed, Butterick and Pollard became apprentices in the tailoring business. Those were the days before ready-made clothes. A tailor would cut a paper pattern correct to your fit and if you could afford the cost of his services, he would make your apparel. Otherwise, you paid solely for the paper pattern and the wife at home would make your clothes.

Jones Wilder by the age of twenty was



From three to five hundred men, most of whom came directly from Ireland, worked thirteen years to construct Cheshire Place. The group shown in this picture, taken about 1890, are some of these workers.

married with one child, but evidently was still undecided as to what profession he might adopt and it is quite possible that most jobs offered to him provided no match for his energies and drives. He tried his hand at farming, kept journals and diaries, noting his hay and corn crops and personal expenses, but little of his own personal feelings and ambitions were recorded.

At the age of twenty-five, in 1857, Wilder bought fifty acres of land in East Rindge, New Hampshire and established a small manufacturing business in a sawmill. Within a few years his business proved a financial failure and being heavily in debt was forced to sell both the little mill and the land. Whatever was the basic cause of his failure it probably was not due to his determination and ability to succeed. Moreover, history leaves us with the faint impression that Wilder nurtured ill-feelings toward some people in the town as being more responsible for his failure than he was. Moving to New York he started the study of law and having the pen of a ready writer earned his livelihood by writing profiles of famous and successful people for the New York newspapers. By the year 1864 he passed the New York Bar and was establishing a fine reputation for himself. It was at that time that he decided to visit his boyhood chums, Butterick and Pollard, who by this time had a successful tailoring business in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Mr. Butterick had conceived the idea of standardizing shirt patterns and although his operation was small it proved itself financially.

Jones Wilder's visit proved the turning point in the three men's fortunes and the beginning of the dress pattern industry. After a little investigation Wilder was convinced that with proper business management (his own, of course), Butterick's original idea could be most profitable on a large scale. Having thoroughly convinced Butterick and Pollard, the three men became partners and established the Butterick Dress Pattern Company (now the Butterick Publishing Co.). In moving the operation to New York, Wilder not only managed the firm's business but became its best salesman. He traveled by horse and buggy throughout the country peddling the dress pattern idea. Selling his patterns for fifty cents apiece a total day's receipts sometimes amounted to only fifty cents. But he soon came to adopt unique methods of advertising and business flourished. After a handful of years Wilder eyed the possibilities of a European market. He became a world traveler and personally established offices throughout the continent as well as agencies in Central and South America. However, as successful as the company's business had

Shown here is the large mansion, consisting of some forty rooms, in which Jones Wilder entertained many visitors who came to inspect his farming methods. The left wing is still in use today.

grown, it fell into financial straits due to a business depression. It was at this time that the business genius of Jones Wilder truly shone, for with a tight hand on the business reins he managed to guide the company safely across the mires of bankruptcy and within a comparatively short time had the Butterick Company as firmly established as Gibraltar.

As the years passed the need for his active participation lessened. It was at this time that Jones Wilder started reflecting on his many ideas and ambitions of earlier years. He held land investments in Texas. He was impressed with the scope of the farmsteading in the southwestern part of our country. He had also toyed with the idea of some day developing a super-breed of horses. Perhaps he recalled his painful financial experience as a young man in East Rindge, New Hampshire. History does not record what was Jones Wilder's exact reason for returning to the scene of his early business attempt. It may have been just an urge on his part to dramatically display to the little community his great business successes. He convinced his partners that a large farming development situated in the heart of New England held great financial returns. The three men then chartered a private society in New York. This was called *The Cheshire Improvement Co. Limited.* The name "Cheshire" was adopted probably because the main operation was to be located in Cheshire County, New Hampshire. The area chosen for the development certainly needed the eye of a master planner. For here was a wilderness terrain made up of steep, granite-encrusted hills, vast swamplands and heavily wooded mountains.

Wilder's first step was the purchasing of some 7200 acres of land in East Rindge and adjacent New Ipswich. His purchases included twenty small farms all of which were renovated and stocked. Being the time of the second potato famine in Ireland most of the hired hands (numbering between three to five hundred men) were fresh from the old country. Many were professional stone cutters. For close to thirteen years teams of these men labored. They cleared hundreds of acres of land for tillage and grazing. Large swamps were cleared, channeled and transformed into beautiful ponds. A series of these ponds served as reservoirs, each one lower than the former, and on the edge of the lowest pond there was constructed a four story Bobbin Factory and Saw Mill. Power for this operation was provided for by a sixty horsepower, overshot waterwheel. Nearby stood a large "steam" factory supplying additional power. Large clay pits on the estate were utilized for brick-making. Granite was used exten- (*Continued on page 124*)

OLD FARMERS ALMANAC SAYS WE'RE DUE FOR A MILD WINTER
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WOOLY BEAR
HOORAY! NOW I WON'T HAVE TO DIG SO DEEP
WOOD-CHUCK
I DOUBT IT! THE FARMERS ARE ALL TALKIN' ABOUT THE HEAVY CORN HUSKS: I'M STORING UP PLENTY OF FOOD
BLUE JAY
THAT ALMANAC IS USUALLY RIGHT ON TH' BUTTON-: BUT I THINK I'LL INSULATE MY NEST JUST TO BE SURE
SQUIRREL
HA! EVERY MUD WASP IN THE COUNTY HAVE THEIR HOLES PILED UP DOUBLE
IT'S TIME TO CHECK THE MOSS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TREES!
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SATAN'S KINGDOM
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TR RA RA BOOM DE AYE
TSH TSH
WHY COULDN'T IT HAVE WAITED UNTIL WE GOT TO BRADFORD?
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YANKEE

THAR SHE BE
EDITOR
WHO'S OUT THERE ABNER ?
TOO MANY SMART ALECKS IN THIS TOWN — NOW MY WIFE'S WOKE UP AND SHE'LL TALK FOR AN HOUR
YEH, I KNOW YOUR OLD LADY
FIRE D
ROCKLAND HAS TOO DERN MANY FALSE ALARMS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!
RATTLERS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE? CARROLL COUNTY INDEPENDENT SAYS IF YOU GET ONE BRING IT RIGHT DIRECT TO THEIR OFFICE!
MY OLD MAN COULD HIT ONE OF THOSE AT TWENTY FEET
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VISITORS TO GRANBY AND VICTORY, VERMONT CAN LEARN HOW PEOPLE USED TO LIVE WITHOUT MODERN IMPROVEMENTS
FOR THE LAST TIME - I DID NOT WIN IT AT A SUPERMARKET
NOW, WHO OWES US A GOAT ?
WILL THE PERSON WHO GAVE MRS. HARVEY OF VERMONT A GOAT PLEASE TAKE IT BACK!
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TEDDY
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Visiting Ogden's Mill (left) is a great treat for neighboring farm children (below). Next to maple sugaring it's the favorite sport.

Cyder Wild

by L. F. WILLARD

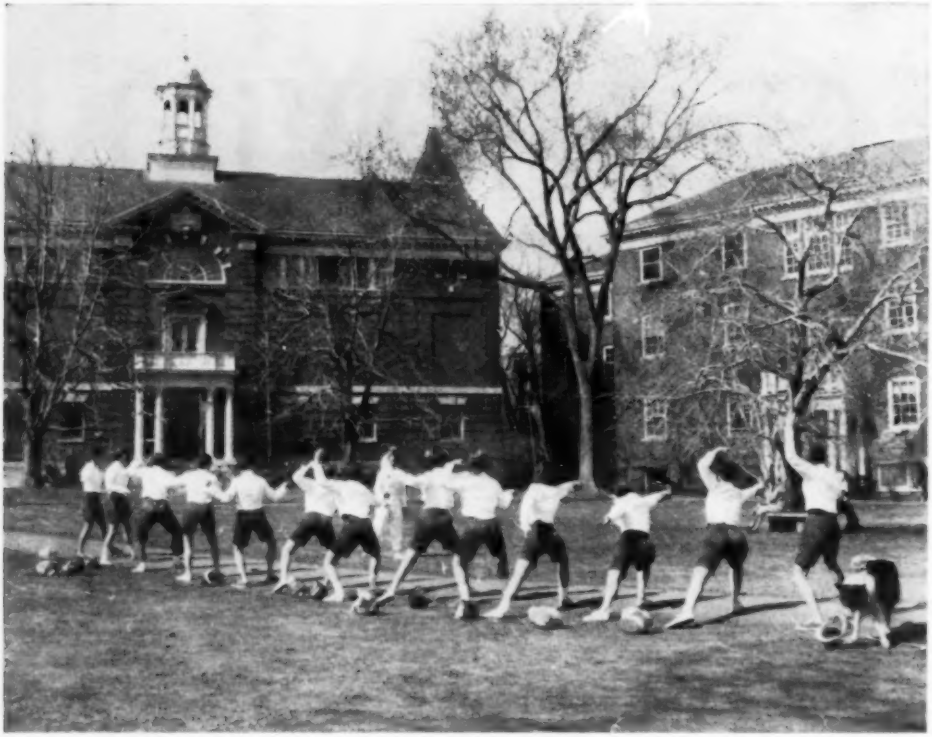
Vermonters prefer the tangier juice of the scrubby, hard little wild pasture apples. High on a beam, out of the youngsters' reach, is a cask of hard cider if you would sample that.

Ogden's mill is water-powered, and thereby hangs a tale, or maybe two tales. As the wheel turns slowly, providing about thirty horsepower inside the mill, there is bound to be now and then a curious tourist (not too many; the mill is somewhat off the beaten path) who demands to know where the water comes from, since obviously the brook flows by some dozen feet lower in level than the mill. One such visitor accused Ogden of having an electric pump hidden away to pump the water to the top of the wheel, a shocking suggestion to a Vermonter.

Another visitor watched the wheel for awhile and finally told his companions he had it all figured out: "He just uses the same water over and over again."

Actually, Ogden had less trouble figuring out how to get the water to the wheel than he had trying to find the wheel in the first place. Ogden bought the farm with the idea of a mill in mind more than 20 years ago, but it wasn't until five years ago, going on six, that he actually got the mill in operation. It isn't easy these days to find a (*Continued on page 86*)

Bunging the barrels means all is finished except the labeling—and the drinking. The youngsters can get a free swig any time.



Yale may have its famous fence but when it comes to "fencing 'em in" the bulldog (note collie, lower right, getting into a mask) better run for cover from these parriers, intellectual and otherwise.

Above: Radcliffe College Fencing Squad — Page after Color Spread: First Snow, and Northwest Gale, Monadnock Lake and Mountain.

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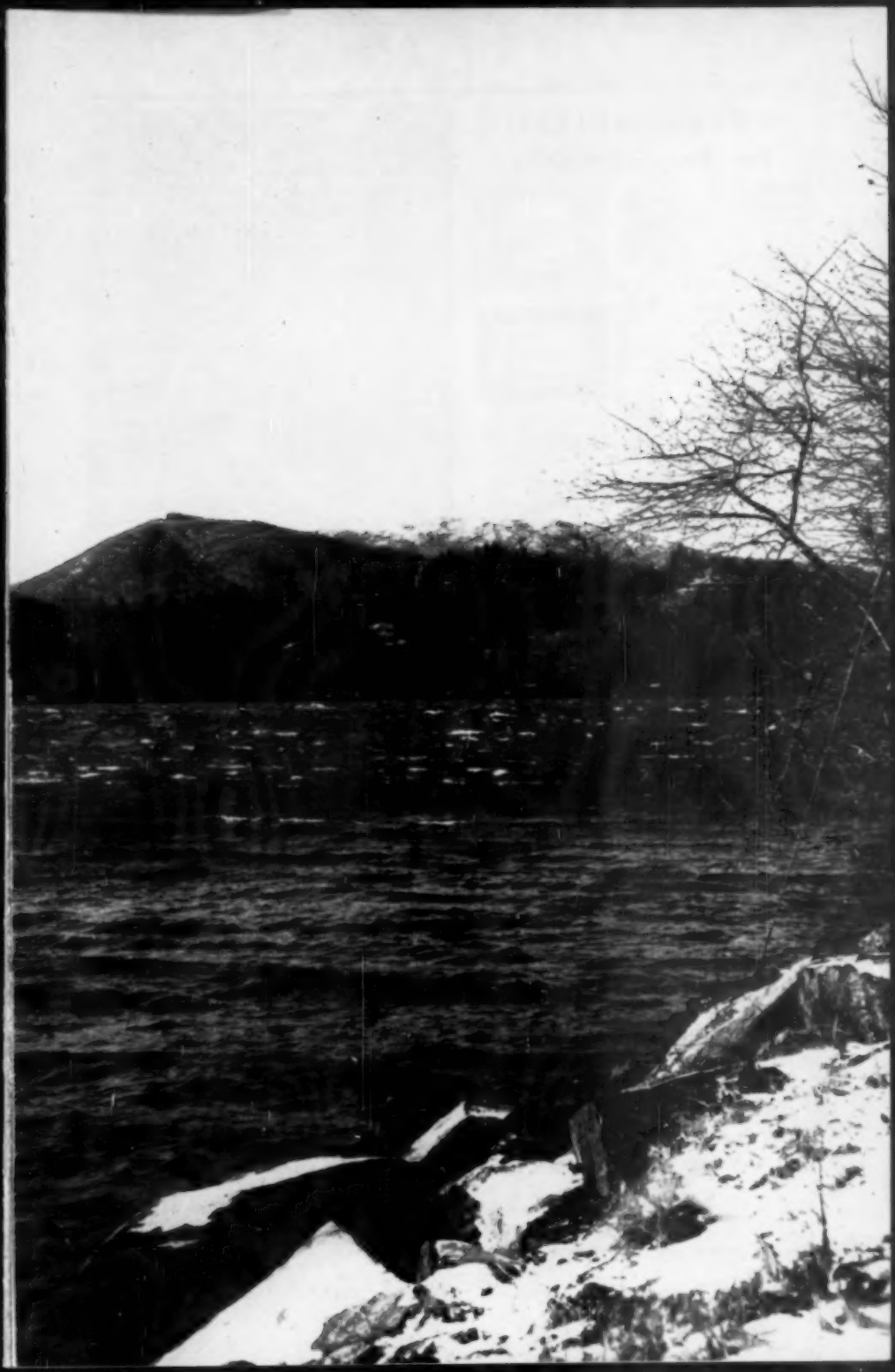

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Each month the "Recipe With A History" contest has presented us with an embarrassment of riches. YANKEE readers have responded to the contest with the greatest enthusiasm, sending in excellent recipes with charming stories back of them. Again and again it has seemed impossible to choose one from the half a dozen best. Often the choice had to be made between one with a good recipe and a fair story and one with a fair recipe and a good story. Under this pressure, we are, this month, choosing a winner, as usual, and also giving prizes to the four runners-up.

Most of these winners illustrate the importance of the story, and, of course, an extreme instance is the hasty pudding recipe. "Who," the reader may ask,

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"needs a recipe to make hasty pudding?" In response to that I would ask: "Who except Mrs. Smith has ever served hasty pudding to Santa Claus?"

Recipe With A History

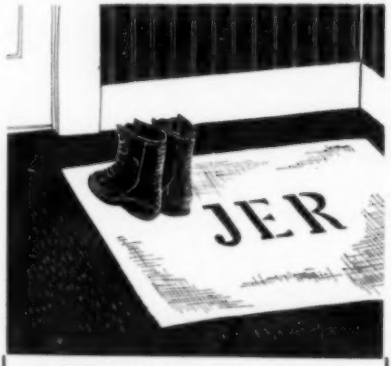
The first prize goes to a recipe which received one of its earliest and heartiest endorsements from a fast-moving Indian. The winner is Mrs. Minnie Smith of 16 North Main Street, West Franklin, New Hampshire.

"This apple-sauce cake," Mrs. Smith says, "originated many years ago. The woman who gave it to me died at ninety years and she has been dead over forty. She told me her mother baked this cake when Indians were prowling around their log home and once her mother set her cakes to cool in an open window and hearing a slight noise she saw an Indian running into the nearby woods and he had her cakes with him."

Sour Apple Sauce Cake

Cream together:

1 cup sugar
1 cup melted shortening



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½ teaspoon salt
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1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup raisins

Dissolve:

1 teaspoon soda in
1 cup sour apple sauce

Beat well and add:

1¾ cups flour

Bake in loaf tin in moderate oven 45 minutes.

First of the four runners-up is Nancy Templeton Garland of Boscawen, New Hampshire. She tells about Vermont as her mother knew it seventy years ago, and about a bearded clergyman who loved the little children.

"If," she says, "you lived on a farm in Vermont seventy years ago, you would be blessed with travelling ministers, who came on foot or on horseback.

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Butternut Cake

¼ cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 egg yolks
1 cup buttermilk or sour milk
1 scant teaspoon soda
2 cups sifted flour
¾ cup chopped butternuts
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
⅛ teaspoon salt

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Frosting

1½ cups maple syrup
2 egg whites
Butternut halves

Cook maple syrup until it spins a thread, then add to stiffly beaten egg whites, beating vigorously to keep the egg from cooking. Continue beating until frosting is thick enough to spread. Decorate the cake with butternut halves.

Our other runners-up tell stories ranging from the hunger of the Pilgrims to a brew prepared by a witch to a white-bearded man who liked hasty pudding.

Mrs. Alice Theresa McMahon of Chicago tells us about "Pilgrimfare" and gives us a 200-year-old recipe.

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Marlborough Pudding

12 tablespoons apple sauce
12 tablespoons granulated sugar
12 tablespoons white wine
6 tablespoons melted butter
4 eggs
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"When we arrived at our back door, my mother would slowly open the door a crack and peer in, and then turn to us and say, 'She's been here all right, wait 'till you see what's cooking.' We would all push to get into the door first and there we would see the little black iron kettle on the back of the stove and the steam would be coming from it. 'And what's this,' my mother would say as she took a bottle from the stove shelf and read the label, 'Drop into each cup of Witches Brew three

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Witches Brew

6 cups water
2 tbs. black tea
6 whole cloves
½ inch stick cinnamon
1 cup orange juice
Juice of 2 lemons
¾ cup sugar

Tie the cloves and cinnamon loosely in a cheesecloth bag and the tea in another bag. Add the spice bag to the water and bring to a boil. At the boiling point, drop in the tea and turn off the heat and place a cover over the kettle and steep 5 minutes. Remove the bags and add the juices and sugar and heat again and serve.

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" 'With my heart beating wildly, I asked him in and offering Father's big chair by the stove, I said I would fix something to eat. But what could I fix that would be good enough for Santa Claus? 'Taters and salt pork? Yes, only that would take too long. Suddenly I thought of our year-round favorite—Hasty Puddin.'

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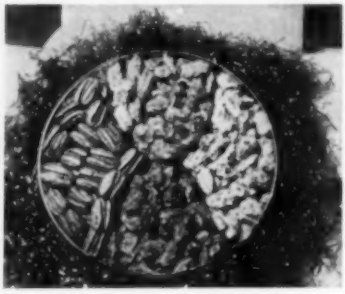

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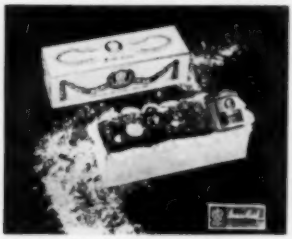

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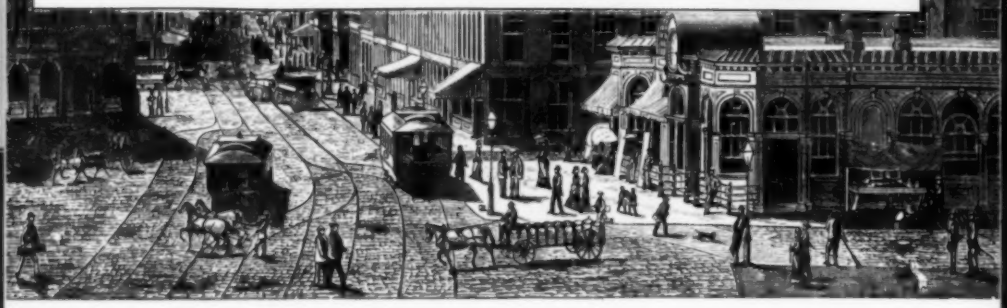


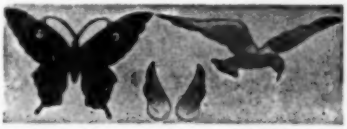
An amusing reminiscence by William James McCullough

RECENTLY, A PROVIDENCE JOURNAL editorial had as its theme—a request for "ghosts" in and around Benefit Street. Looking back in that vein, the most vital "apparition" I could bring forward would be the big, black bear that Calef Brother's Market, 79 North Main Street had in the front door of its select emporium in the year 1905-10 when my "after school job" was delivery boy and entrepreneur of sorts.

Round about the first of December, we would be sure that any day we'd get word that the "bear" was on its way from Canada, and the preparations would begin for its appearance. The huge icebox would first have to be shifted around to make room for the occupant who would spend his evenings within the chill confines, for the three weeks of his brief stay in Providence—before he became bear-steaks! We would all heave-to and stack the meats to one side leaving a nice little corner for our visitor.

As I said we'd be told that the bear was on its way and when the day would arrive it was due, I'd take off from school with a cold or any excuse (punishment expected and received) in order that I could be on hand when it was lifted off the wagon after its trip in a refrigerated (ice) box-car which had dropped it off in Providence. We'd load it on our Calef wagon and bring it to the side door of the store where a hand truck would be waiting to roll it into the icebox until the next day.

It seems in those days there *was* snow when there *should be* snow. The bear would be placed right in between the double-door on North Main Street, on a little platform and a nice, red apple would be forced between its jaws—every day a freshly polished apple. And I would always be there when the store closed, in order that the "frosty prop" could come into my possession. Why? Well, I saved every one for the three week period of the bear's presence at Calef's, and then I'd get a penny for every one I sold to my friends. They were dried-up and somewhat worse for wear when they were passed over but I had a waiting list every year!



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CURRY ME BACK TO JUBBELPORE

There are many ways of having a small business at home although many people never think to put their particular talents to work. Not so, however, with Marjorie Thompson Gillespie of Hamilton, Massachusetts who makes and freezes for market four Indian curries with rice pillau, fourteen supper dishes, eight canapes, frozen cookies and biscuits and unfrozen chutneys and Indian pickles. The long list is the result of Mrs. Gillespie's enjoyment and talent in cooking plus experimentation—when she devises some unusual dish for her own entertaining, she adds it to her sales list.

Marjorie Gillespie knows curries. She was born in Jubbelpore, India, where her Scottish father, a British Army Officer, was assigned. Before a Connecticut Yankee, W. F. Gillespie, Jr., brought her to Massachusetts her life was spent mainly in Bombay which is now the trade name she uses for her Indian dishes and relishes. She still imports all her curry powder and spices from India through an Indian firm in London. And her ingredients are true to Indian rules—she uses cocoanut milk in her chicken curry and makes rice pillau with chicken broth, raisins and slivered almonds.

Four Massachusetts shops now carry her curries but due to her many family duties Mrs. Gillespie has no present plans to expand her profitable home business. That can wait for full retirement.

Ora Dodd

YANKEE *welcomes any and all contributions to this department. However, if accepted, $10 will be paid only for items concerning other than the author's business or hobby or that of the immediate family. Contributions should be no more than 400 words and we reserve the right to cut as we see fit.*

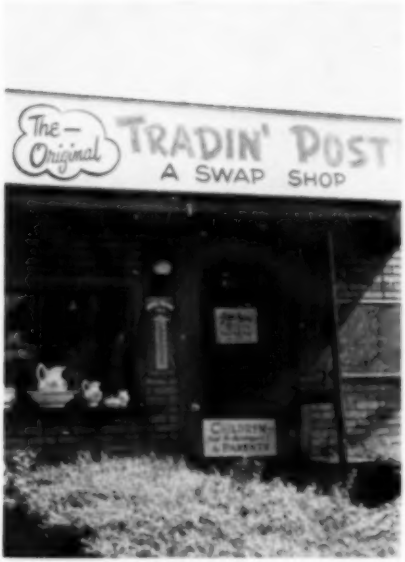
Craft or Art?

"I'm a craftsman, not an artist," Job Negeim insists. Either way, it is probable that he is the only man on Cap Cod who supports himself completely by making pottery.

"Job's secret is that he can produce a hundred objects exactly alike," a fellow potter explains. The fact is that Job Negeim, by weighing each piece of clay beforehand, could turn out his forms without even looking. The delicate and trained fingers on his hands are all that's necessary to guide a common lump of clay into a beautiful vase or cup.

Job started making pottery as a young man in the city of Jerusalem (he was born in Lebanon) but he could not make the living he wanted in the "Old Country" and so he gave up pottery and came to America. A singing career and service during World War II interrupted his pottery but, thanks to the G.I. bill which sent him to the Boston Museum school after the war plus his own natural talent retained from his youth, ceramics again became his life. He now owns ten acres of land in North Falmouth, Massachusetts, and a shop he calls The Potter's Wheel. On his success in a rare full-time occupation Job says, "To most people ceramics is an art. They try to make a masterpiece each time. It's discipline that's the answer. They don't teach discipline in art anymore." But he still refuses to call his craft an art.

Julian P. Padowicz



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We'd just spent a good half hour dickering over the trade of an armful of paperback novels for an ancient World Almanac. I finally took possession of the almanac for 26c and two pieces of Tradin' Post-Script and marched triumphantly out of the store. While I was being smugly confident I'd pulled a pretty slick swap, the proprietor of the Original Tradin' Post was calculating the potential value of the pocket books and stacking them away for a future exchange.

Myrle Masure (who likes to be called "Ted" because, he says; "Everyone puts a T in it and calls me Myrtle.") operates the store.

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Myrle (Ted) Masure and the author.

Called The Original Tradin' Post, the store is located in the center of Feeding Hills, one of Massachusetts' loveliest rural communities, snuggled in the foothills of the Berkshires. Masure himself is a native of Enfield, New Hampshire, where, he claims, Yankee tradin' was born.

It was in 1956 that The Original Tradin' Post was born and it's been a winner from its first delighted customer. Masure handles everything from antiques to modern appliances; from books, dishes, lamps, and utensils to oil paintings, ice skates, bicycles, baby carriages and windows! Anything at all can be bartered at the Post, as long as it's in good condition. It's not a bit unusual to find farm produce and livestock advertised in the local Agawam Independent for "special quick-swap."

No money ever changes hands here, except for Masure's small service charge. For instance, the books I brought in were an even-value trade for the coveted almanac. Ted issued me two units of Tradin' Post-Script for the books, each unit worth one dollar, which I returned to him with a 26c service charge . . . or 13c on a dollar . . . and the almanac was mine.

If I hadn't found a satisfactory trade, I would then have $2 worth of credit at the Post and could save the Script and accumulate it for a bigger trade.

Masure figures he moves over 10,000 items a year and the store is only open three nights a week from six to nine! He's ready to expand and is planning to sell franchises to people in other small communities.

Not long ago, this enterprising entrepreneur traded a simple looking little hook for some merchandise and 7c. Later he discovered it was a collector's item and worth a small fortune.

"Wa-l-l now," he shrugged, hearing the trader's good luck, "Even Mr. Wiggins

goofed now'n then, y'know." Hum. . . !

Does anyone know the CASH value of an English Almanac published in 1896 by Lever Brothers for Lifebuoy, the Sunlight Soap, appointed by special warrant Royal Soapmakers to Her Majesty the Queen?

Frances Fairbanks

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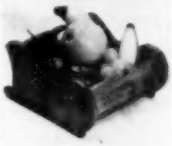

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►The Ginger & Pickles Store—Doll Museum, near Contoocook, New Hampshire, has for many years advertised in YANKEE magazine, and the very name of this enterprise is unusual enough to cause strangers to wonder at its meaning.

It is a book, Christmas card and toy shop in one room adjoined by a large doll house in the next room to which are attracted thousands of visitors every year during the open season, May 30th—December 20th; but primarily the store is a thriving, year-round mail order concern through which Thomas McCready, who is the husband of Tasha Tudor, nationally-known illustrator of children's books and Christmas cards, sells autographed books illustrated by his wife, some of which are classics—MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES or Stevenson's A CHILD'S GARDEN OF VERSES, as well as a few prayer books and Sunday School books. Many were written by Mrs. Mc-

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The Ginger & Pickles Store is named after the book by that name in Beatrix Potter's famous PETER RABBIT book series—Ginger being a yellow tomcat and Pickles a friendly dog who owned a store catering to their animal friends.

The real-life Ginger & Pickles Store has an ever-growing list of mail order friends from coast to coast who first send for a price list order blank if wishing to order Christmas cards or books or to have presents shipped directly to recipients. And very many make it a point when in New England to visit the doll house in which "live" Tasha Tudor's family of dolls, including Annabelle, immortalized in the book A IS FOR ANNABELLE.

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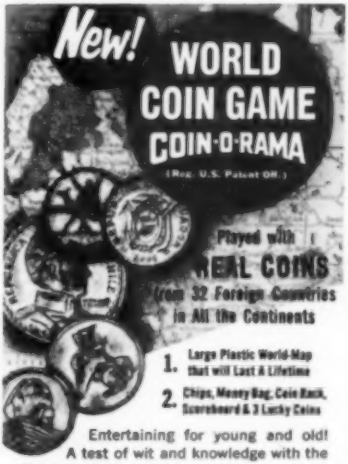

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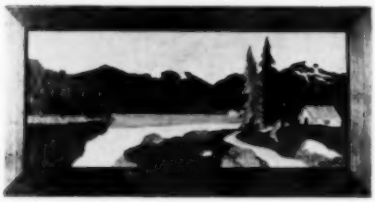

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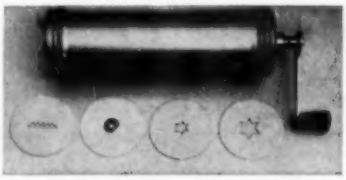

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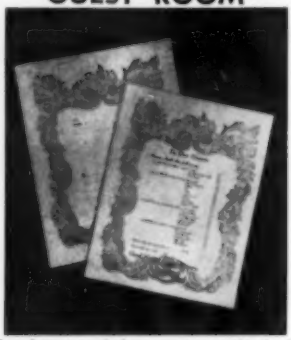

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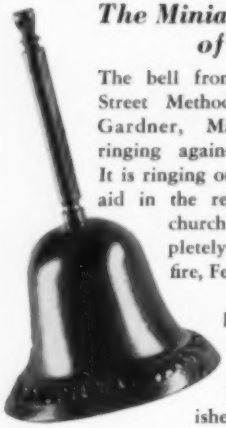

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Three Hours Before The Mast

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prove my identity. I say I'm Captain Pulsifer. I once wore a clown cap of my brother-in-law's from the Hagenback Wallace Circus, *and I was Captain Pulsifer even then!"*

"Pardon my ignorance of the ways of the sea," I said as reassuringly as I could. "My astonishment is caused by the fact that, in wearing insignia below your true station, you show becoming modesty unheard of in the *mores* of dry land."

"Besides," he went on, ignoring my *bon mot.* "I don't want any insurance."

"Neither do I," was my affable rejoinder and I felt that I was making friends with the man who could do more for me than anyone, if he would. But I was set back on my heels when Captain Pulsifer began ringing bells and shouting orders down a tangled network of tubes. As I followed his frenzied activities I more closely observed the details of the wheelhouse. It was about twice the size of an adult telephone booth and its only decoration was a last year's calendar from Durgin—Park's waterfront sea food establishment. I seized this chance to reopen the conversation.

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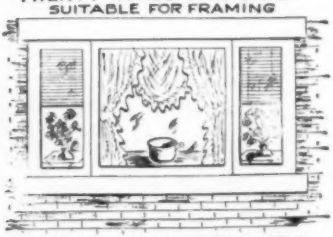

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with a sigh," I suppose you will be navigating it pretty soon. How I wish I could make that glorious trip to Nantasket and back."

"And why can't you?" Captain Pulsifer asked, looking suspiciously at me.

"I can't afford passage," I replied, hanging my head. "That's what I have come to

see you about." He folded his tanned, hirsute arms and I felt his shaggy, spray-blown brows focusing two piercing, yet not unkindly, eyes on me. Before a fit of characteristic timidity should undo all my arduous labors, I blurted out my request.

"I want you to let me work for my

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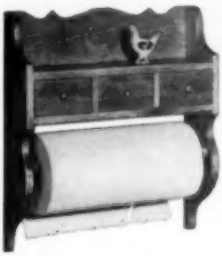

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Three Hours Before the Mast
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passage. I want to take this voyage as a common sailor before the mast!"

Captain Pulsifer sat on a creaking camp stool and mopped his saline forehead. "What!" he ejaculated, "you want to work your way to Paragon Park and back?"

"I do," I replied unflinching. "My life's dream is to navigate the dangerous course through the multifold Boston Harbor islands—Lovell's, Spectacle, Hangman's, and the others—like a ballet artist performing the egg dance as he steps perilously close to each egg but never harming a single one. Throughout the whole voyage my imagination carries me, enchanted, till I, at last, bring back ship and passengers safe to their haven as summer twilight silhouettes the spire of the Old North Church crowned by the last flash of golden light on the State House dome atop Beacon Hill."

For a moment Captain Pulsifer seemed lost in bewilderment. Then a benign smile swept over his hardy features.

"I guess you've got the stuff," he said, handing me a sponge. "Here, take this and polish up the peak halyards." Moist-eyed with joy I tried to stammer my thanks. But no longer were we equals. We were master and man as I quickly realized, for he brusquely overlooked me, thrust his head through a lee porthole of the wheelhouse and barked, "Cast off them stern lines!"

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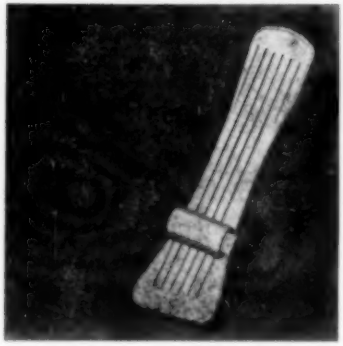

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Coming to the Point

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sports on the hotel piazza, when he sort of come to at the foot of the long wharf.

" 'Don't blame me,' he says to the mare, touching her up with the whip, 'it was your own idea.' And with that they thundered out on the planks above Nantucket Sound at a full gallop.

"Some of the boys sitting against the shed at the end of the wharf watched them go off with all sails set—gaff topsail and everything on. The captain was at the wheel and the mare's feet was still moving.

" 'Well, Cap'n,' one of them said when they'd fished him out, 'where'd you think you was going?'

" '*Think* I was going!' roared the captain. 'Why, you old fool, I was taking the plank road to Nantucket.'

"That's the picture this artist fellow should have painted," Cap'n Nick said when I stood up to go.

"He could have called it Seascape With Figures," I said.

Later, poking about in an encyclopedia for just that purpose, I found: *Mount, Wm. Sidney, 1807-1868. Originated an American school of genre painting. Worked in N. Y., 1829-68. Used many rural scenes and subjects with a sense of humor.* I copied it out, intending to brace Cap'n Nick with it the next time I saw him, for it seemed most unlikely that Mr. Mount had ever left New York State.

I never did get around to it though. But I did remember to ask him what had happened to the mare after they had fished Captain Baker out of the Sound.

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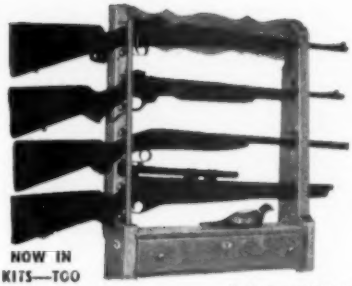

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Songs of Old Boston

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First we'll take a Pinch of Snuff,
And then a drink of Water,
And then we'll say How do you do,
And that's a Yankee supper.

Later on in the song we get some more local rhyme:

Heigh ho for our Cape Cod,
Heigh ho Nantasket,
Do not let the Boston wags,
Steal your Oyster basket.

Here, of course, is not praise but English satire of Boston. Even in those days it was noted for its plain living and high thinking.

And that brings us finally to the most recent and most famous of all rhymes about Boston, the friendly satirical:

And this old Boston,
The home of the bean and the cod,
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people but not made by them. They added the first *only* in line three to give it better style. But Boston changes, as Franklin P. Adams noted in his parody of the Holy Cross man's rhyme:

Then here's to the city of Boston,
The town of the cries and the groans,
Where the Cabots can't see the Kabotschniks,
And the Lowells won't speak to the Cohns.

I don't know what else but rhyme F.P.A. meant by the cries and the groans, but I do know what he meant by the Kabotschniks and Cohns. The successive arrival of Irish, Italians, Poles, and Jews has made Boston a more polynomic city today than it was in the days when old Governor Bradford sang:

O Boston, though thou now art grown
To be a great and wealthy town,
Yet I have seen thee a void place
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Wilder's "Folly"

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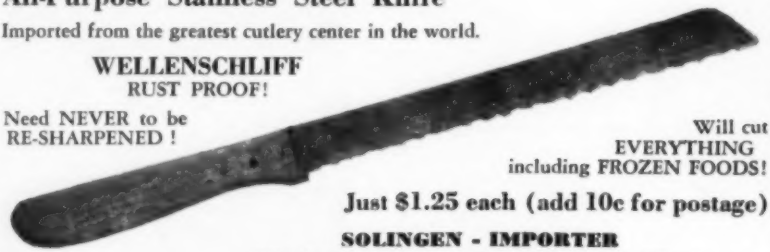

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In 1896 the Cheshire Improvement Company was dissolved and its holdings were passed back to the parent company. The estate was reopened by George W. Wilder, Jones' son and President of the Butterick Company. Under his direction various methods of financing the operation were employed. Grazing lands were rented and certain barns and buildings including the Garden House and Saw Mill were leased. Other buildings such as the Cider Mill and Vinegar Factory remained closed.

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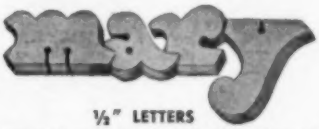

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In 1925 the mansion house was extensively remodeled at a cost of $48,000 and the following year George and Abby Wilder purchased the estate from the Butterick Company. At this time the estate's title was changed to *Timbertop,* a name it still holds today. It was in this period that most of the original remaining buildings were

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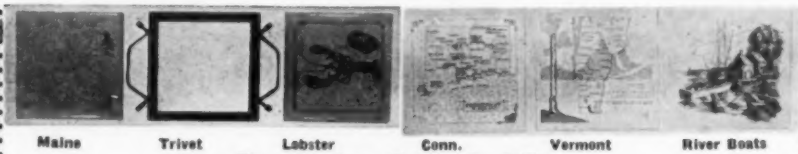

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Jones Wilder lived to enjoy his vast farming domain only briefly for, within a year of its official opening, he died suddenly of apoplexy. The character of Jones Wilder was best summed up by General Isaac Catlin in an eulogy in which he said:

"Jones W. Wilder would have grandly succeeded in any employment, in any trade, in any profession, where dash and danger, and scope of action and thought were elements which entered into it. He thought and planned and executed with the velocity of lightning. His rules and discipline were inexorable and rigid, and woe to the man, whatever his position or rank, who violated them.

"Down deep in the character of Jones Wilder there was neither selfishness nor meanness. He was imperious but kind. He was ambitious, but not for self-glorification. He looked to the future more than to the present. He wished to leave a competency to his children but over and above all he strove to leave a name and reputation that might be held up before the world for ab-

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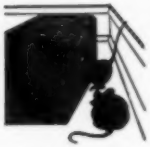

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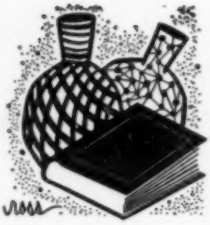

Books Received

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The Covered Bridge, by Herbert W. Congdon, with photographs by Edmund Royce, 151 pages with index. $6.00. Vermont Books, Middlebury, Vermont. This is a valuable reprint of the edition which originally appeared in 1941. It is concerned only with Vermont covered bridges.

Berkshire County, by Richard D. Birdsall, 401 pages, $6.00, Yale University Press, New Haven. The cultural development of an unique region from its early 18th century settlement to the Civil War period. The author is assistant professor of history of Connecticut College. All students of New England will want this book.

Echoes From Mt. Antone, by George Lesley Stevenson, $2.50, from the author at Harwood Cottage, Rupert, Vermont. At ninety-six years of age, and totally blind, the author finds his New England fresh and delightful as ever. He is the oldest graduate of Columbia and moved to Vermont in 1922 where this book was written.

Captain Edmund Gardner—His Journal and His Family, 116 pages with index, $5.00, privately printed, John M. Bullard, 558 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, Massachusetts. This diary describes a whaling captain and his adventures in having his ship sunk by a whale—a trip of some 700 miles in open boats—an encounter with a whale in which he was

badly chewed—and in Hawaii as he, the first whaling captain to go there, found it.

The Concise Encyclopedia of Antiques, Vol. IV, 288 pages with index, lavishly illustrated, $12.50. Hawthorne Books, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York 11. This is the final volume complete, as are the other three in this series, in itself. An exhaustive guide and reference basis for the amateur collector. Highly recommended.

Woodworking Tools at Shelburne Museum, by Frank H. Wildung, price not given. The Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, Vermont. This is a valuable pamphlet, copiously illustrated, with index, 79 pages. It should have been mentioned in connection with YANKEE's story in this regard in its August issue.

Memoir of Dispatching by Carrier Pigeons During The Siege of Paris 1870-71. A paper-covered typewritten booklet of 24 pages, with illustrations. $1.00 per copy. The original appeared in 1871 in French. It is published here in English for the first time.

Blueberry Hill Cookbook, by Elsie Masterton, decorations by Ava Morgan, 302 pages with index, $3.95. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York City. Over 275 favorite recipes of the chief and only chef of Blueberry Hill, an inn in a lovely old Vermont farmhouse at Brandon, Vermont. It is well worth the price.

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The Magnificent Scufflers by Charles Morrow Wilson, ill. by Jon Corbino, 105 pages with Index. $4.50, Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt. Popular history of American wrestling.

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Old Houses on Nantucket by Kenneth Duprey, 242 pages (8½ by 11 glossy), $12.00, Architectural Book Publishing Co., N. Y. C. There are some 352 interior and exterior photographs here, floor plans, descriptions, et al—"a book to end books" as the saying goes on Nantucket houses. It won't, however, as, even though it is as complete a coverage as anyone could possibly want, it only whets the appetite for more.

Ten Thousand Years in America by William Fowler, 160 Pages, $2.95 Vantage Press, N. Y. C. The trek of prehistoric man from

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The Story of the House of Sunshine by Leo Bennett, 224 pages, $3.00, House of Sunshine. Litchfield, Illinois. This is the fascinating story of a publishing success. Henry F. Henrichs, the central figure, is a man worth reading about . . . as thousands and thousands of the readers of his publications know.

Town Burning by Thomas Williams, 325 pages, MacMillan & Co., N. Y. C., $4.50. Well written novel about the fictional town of "Leah," New Hampshire. Not for children.

World Guide to Covered Bridges by Betsy and Philip Clough, 141 pages, $2.50, Roger Griffin, 31 Federal Street, Beverly, Mass. Invaluable listing of all covered bridges everywhere published by the non-profit "National Society for the Protection of Covered Bridges." Yes.

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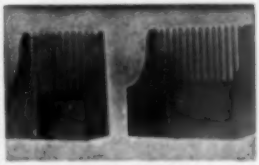

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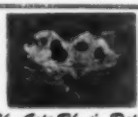

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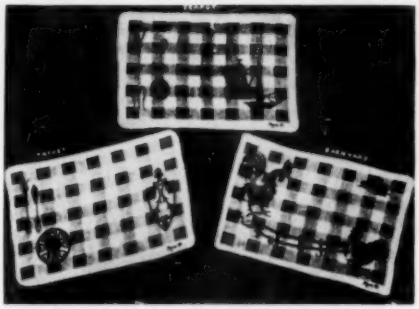

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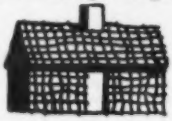

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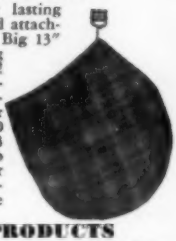

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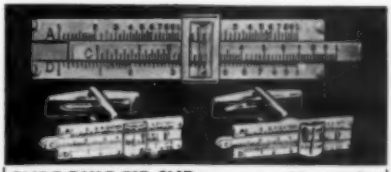

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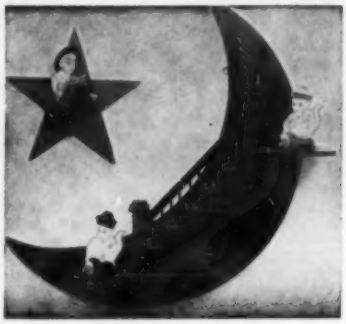

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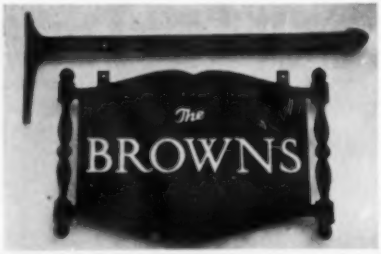

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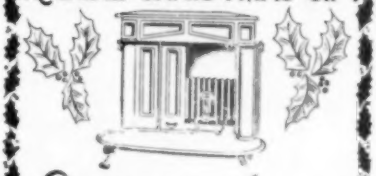

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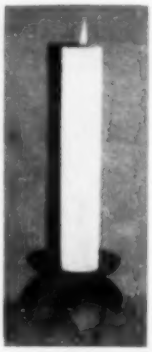

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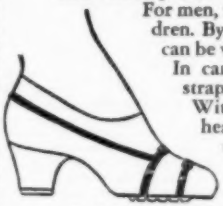

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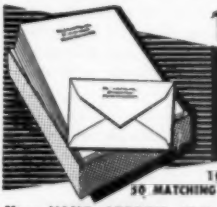

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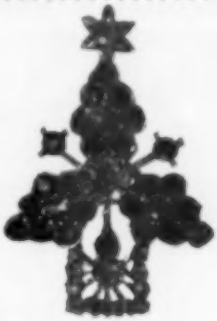

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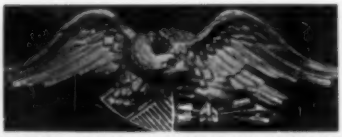

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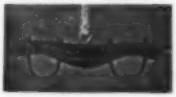

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He is still selling papers, but to a newsie's industry and persistence, he has added imagination and good-will. The result is Out-of-Town News, Inc., a very small frame building in the center of Harvard Square on the bus traffic island, adjacent to the MTA subway kiosk. Boston newspapers had been sold for years at this juncture of six busy streets; it remained for Sheldon Cohen to think of putting up a tiny, heated building, and to cram it, inside and outside, with newspapers, magazines and paperbacks from all over the world.

There, almost any day, you may see twenty-eight-year-old Sheldon, a friendly man by the side of six roads, finding out what old and new customers would like, and trying to get it for them. He may be producing the latest "Paris Review" for a Cambridge judge; conferring with a Harvard dean on the London

Times Educational Supplement; selling a French fashion magazine to a woman who has driven twenty miles to buy it; handing a hometown paper to a Harvard or Radcliffe student from Haverhill, San Francisco, or Honolulu (or West Germany, Sweden, or Switzerland).

In all, Mr. Cohen stocks 250 newspapers, and adds to the number according to demand. With these, he sells an uncounted number of American and foreign magazines.

Cambridge, with its several colleges, is a cosmopolitan city, with students and teachers from many countries and every state. Some of them asked Sheldon for hometown papers. In 1954, he set up a small, open stand to sell out-of-town papers. By 1958, it had grown to the present heated building, with its constantly expanding stock.

Sheldon's job still calls for a fourteen-hour day, though he employs two assistants and one night man (the stand is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.). He arrives at work about 6 a.m., to help sell Boston papers to the subway crowds. He checks and collects newspapers arriving at railroad stations and post offices. He keeps track of orders, yet always stops to chat with customers and to greet the hundreds of passing commuters he knows.

Home is only three minutes from his stand, and when he manages to get there, Sheldon can almost forget Out-of-Town News, Inc. in the diverting company of his 14-month-old daughter and attractive wife. He hopes that future newsstand profits will allow him more time with family and friends. His little brother, Fred, is now grown up to be an honor student at Boston Latin School, and lives with the Cohens. Sheldon plans to make his long hours buy for Fred the things he has had to do without himself: leisure for study, and a Harvard education.

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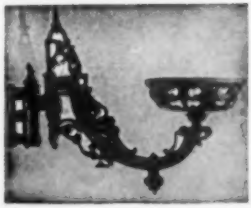

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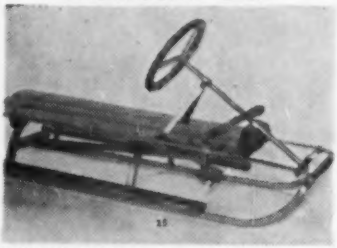

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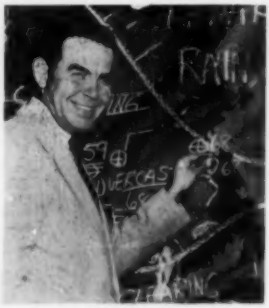

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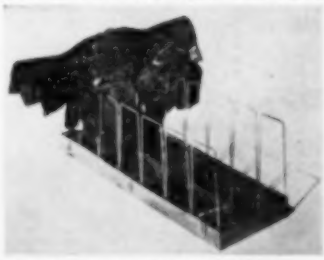

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WOODEN *Christmas Cards*

Look for a new concept in holiday greetings!

by JOHN MASON

PETER AND CHRIS BOORAS, NATIVES and residents of Keene, New Hampshire, are receiving national acclaim these days for their meteoric success in developing a new concept of greeting cards, silk screened on real wood. It becomes a little difficult to imagine how from one card, created on wood as a novelty for personal friends, sent out at Christmas time in 1957, a business has been born which this Christmas will consist in department store sales of some three million cards, and a plant now running strong with a capacity for some 19 million.

The Booras brothers (Chris, left; Peter right) learned, of course, the hard way. Actually they silk screened that first 1957 card themselves. Then they awaited first reactions.

"Yes, our friends thought they were nice," Peter says, "but there was no more than a normal courteous comment."

"But when the comments kept coming way into June," Chris rejoins, "then we thought perhaps we had something."

Perhaps their courses in industrial management at M.I.T. are the explanation. For, with this card idea in mind, both boys left good jobs at General Electric to pursue intensive marketing research which might or might not reveal attractive commercial possibilities for their product.

Here is an example of the finished product.

Many of the designs are those of L. Hackett.

The answers to this research were all "Yes." And, when a Boston store like Filene's, and New York stores like Stern's and Saks Fifth Avenue, placed their first large orders, little doubt remained that this was what the public wanted.

There is a subtle character impression here in the YANKEE ARTISTS (this is the trade name the Booras Brothers have adopted) cards. The use of the thin white wood, imported from Ecuador and other South American countries, gives a needed focusing and warmth to the creations of the northern New England artists. It is almost not any exaggeration to say the receiver of such a card right away knows it is a truly homespun article like the "bread that mother used to bake."

Another side to the business is the custom made cards for individuals and business houses. For example, a large firm in New York placed a huge order last year—after the investment house of B. C. Morton in Boston had broken the ice with their initial venture of 10,000. Others like to have their names imprinted on stock cards, etc. There are many ramifications. Prices vary, of course, but in these days of inflation, $3.00 for a retail package of 12, envelopes colored to harmonize with the cards included, does not seem excessive. The custom jobs of course run higher, but also are proportionately reasonable.

Although the Booras brothers are as Yankee as New Hampshire men can be, the wood used for the cards grows in South America (above).

The silk wood is cut (above) and tied prior to Stateside shipment. Note the size of the bundle being carried by one man (below).

Albert Quigley is another expert contributor.

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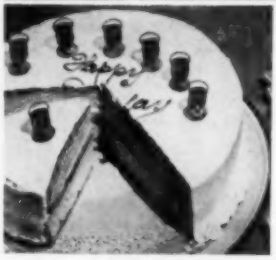

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